

THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE

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INTRODUCTION

1. The word "SPIRIT" used in this lesson means: "Disposition of mind".
2. The word COMPROMISE means: "To yield for the sake of peace; a surrender; to come to agreement by concession.
3. In this lesson, when I use the term "spirit of compromise", I mean the disposition of mind on the part of children of God to surrender and yield the truth of God's word.
4. In matters of human judgment we must yield many times.
5. But, in matters of FAITH we cannot yield without the wrath of God -- Phil. 1:17; Jude 3; Rom. 2:8; Rom. 11:22.
6. Someone has said, "Those who stand for nothing usually fall for anything".
7. Moses challenged God's people in Exodus 32: 26: "*Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me.*"
8. Elijah challenged God's people in I Kings 18:21: "*How long halt ye between two opinions?*"
9. Joshua, in Joshua 24:15, said, "*Choose you this day whom ye will serve.*"
10. Hosea 7:8 "*Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned*" --In other words, half-baked -- standing for nothing.
11. If the devil cannot get men to serve him outright, he tries to get them to compromise and therefore serve him while nominally in the Lord's service -- Matt. 6:24.

I. SATAN HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO GET GOD'S PEOPLE TO COMPROMISE.

1. Adam and Eve did compromise with Satan -- Gen. 3: 1 - 8.
2. Judas Iscariot compromised with Satan:
 - (1) When Mary anointed Jesus' feet, his sinful desires were stirred up-- John 12: 1- 8.
 1. Judas had become a lover of money and a thief -- John 12:6.
 2. Judas was treasurer for Jesus and His disciples -- John 12: 6.
 - (2) His love for money was one of the things that caused him to betray Christ -- Luke 12:3 - 6; Matt. 26: 14 - 16.
 - (3) I Tim. 6: 9 - 10
3. Satan tried to get the Son of God to compromise -- Matt. 4: 1- 10.

II. SATAN CONTINUES TO WANT CHRISTIANS TO COMPROMISE

1. He wants us to compromise with DENOMINATIONALISM.
 - (1) Some are afraid of positive preaching, showing what is error -- yet Jesus did -- Matt. 15:1 - 9.
 - (2) Some are afraid to stand up for the truth, fearing they will hurt some man's feelings -- Gal. 1:10; I Thess. 2:4; Luke 6:26.
 - (3) Some are afraid to stand up for the truth because of their companions -- I Pet. 3: 1- 7; Matt. 10: 34 - 37.
2. The Devil wants us to compromise on MORALITY:
 - (1) The line of distinction too many times is not clearly drawn -- 2 Cor. 6:17.
 - (2) Too many strive to do all they can and get by with it -- I Thess. 5:22.
 - (3) We are not to love the world -- I John 2:15.

- (4) He wants preachers to keep their mouths closed about mixed bathing, modest apparel, divorce and remarriage, social drinking, dancing, petting, gambling, etc. . . -- Gal. 5: 19 - 21.
- 3. Satan want us to compromise on issues facing the church.
 - (1) Some who know the truth won't stand for it or teach it.
 - (2) Some compromise the truth for popularity and money.
- 4. Some compromise with Satan by supporting false systems of religion:
 - (1) Members of the church in "Masonry".
 - (2) Encyclopedia of Freemasonry -- by Albert G. Mackey, pg. 729: "Masonry, then, is indeed, a religious institution: and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Mason defend it."
- 5. Some compromise with Satan by not being actively engaged in the Lord's work:
 - (1) By not attending all the services -- Heb. 10: 25.
 - (2) Members not working heartily -- I Cor. 15: 58

III. GOD AND CHRIST REQUIRE WHOLE-HEARTED ALLEGIANCE AND SERVICE

- 1. Matt. 22: 37 - 38; Matt. 6:24; 6:33; James 4:17

CONCLUSION

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