

Can't We Just Compromise Here?

Exodus 8:25-27 (NKJV)

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."
26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command.

I. The compromises offered by Pharaoh.

A. Worship in the land.

1. They had specifically asked three times to go 3 days journey.
2. But Pharaoh will have them serve God and never leave the land.
3. The land of Egypt is typical of the world.
4. But we cannot stay in the world if we belong to Jesus.
 - a. Galatians 1:4 (NKJV) 4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
 - b. "Ye are not of this world, but I have chosen you out of the world". John 15:19
 - c. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world". John 17:14
 - d. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God" James 4:4
 - e. 2 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) 17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."
 - f. Satan is not a pushover and he is not reasonable. His one desire for you is to ruin you and your family. That is why we must not we cannot give him any space.
 - g. Pharaoh is a type of Satan in this contest, holding the Israelites captive and always resisting the will and command of God.
5. AW Pink says, "Professing Christians have, for the most part, so assimilated their worship to Egyptian patterns, that instead of being hated by the world, they have taught the men of the world to join in with them. Thus far has the offense of the cross ceased. Of few indeed can it now be said, "the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." (1 John 3:1).

- a. John 15:19-20 (NKJV) 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- 6. To have worshiped God 'in the land" would have been rank disobedience.
 - a. Exodus 8:26-27 (NKJV) 26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD **our God as He will command us.**"
 - b. To compromise on the things that God has revealed in His word is just simply out and out disobedience.
- B. The second compromise offered is in Exodus 8:28 (NKJV) 28 And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; **only you shall not go very far away.** Intercede for me."
 - 1. Here we have it. Go serve your God but don't go all the way, don't go very far.
 - 2. Satan's hangs this little bit of bait over the trap for many a Christian.
 - a. Don't give up the pleasures of this world.
 - b. You can have the world and heaven too.
 - c. AW Pink again, "“Only ye shall not go very far away' is one of the favorite and most successful of the Devil's temptations. Avoid extremes; do not be fanatical; be sane and sensible in your religious life; beware of becoming narrowminded, are so many different ways of expressing the same thing. If you really must be a Christian, do not let it spoil your life. There is no need to cut loose from your old friends and associations. God does not want you to be long-faced and miserable. Why then abandon pleasures and recreations innocent in themselves? With such whisperings Satan beguiles many a soul. Young believers especially need to be on the guard here.”"
 - d. How can they hope to get Canaan if they cannot leave the Egypt.
 - e. 1 John 2:15 (NKJV) 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- C. Third compromise, “But who will go?”
1. Pharaoh claims to be willing to let them go as they have asked only he wants only the men to go and to leave their families behind.
 2. AW Pink says, “Be a Christian, says Satan, if you really must, but do not force religion upon the members of your family, and especially do not tease your children with it. They are too young to understand such things. Let them be happy now; time enough for serious concerns when they grow up. If you press spiritual things upon them today, you will nauseate them, and drive them to infidelity. Thus the Devil argues, and only too many professing Christians heed his siren voice. Family discipline is relaxed, the Scriptures are not given their proper place, the children are allowed to chose their own companions, and no real effort is made to bring them out of Egypt.”
 3. Children are the Lord’s. He just lends them to us for a little while. And we need to do all that we can to make sure they will follow the Lord.
 4. If you will raise a Godly heritage you will raise a devilish one.
 5. Either God will have your children or the world will have them.
 6. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV) 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
- D. The final compromise, Exodus 10:24 (NKJV) 24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; **only let your flocks and your herds be kept back**. Let your little ones also go with you."
1. Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV) 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 2. Once a Christian man said to me that every time the pastor talked about giving he gave less. Well he has down to zero now since he doesn't go to church any more.