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## THE SIN OF COMPROMISE

When your writer was a young man still in his twenties he spent a number of years in the political arena. He served as a State Youth Chairman for a candidate for the U. S. Senate as well as a State Youth Chairman for a gubernatorial candidate. He served as a personal aide to a Governor and also served in a government agency. In 1964 he was elected to represent Kentucky at the Democratic National Convention as one of her delegates. Your writer also sought public office and later at the age of 38 years he managed a statewide campaign for a friend who sought the high office of Governor. This political experience was put to use in the civic world as your writer applied the “principal of compromise” to his pursuit of becoming the District Governor of Rotary International. Your writer was taught well in his early years of political involvement that to be successful in politics, one must understand that – good politics is the “art of compromise”. If one fails to compromise, that one will never be very successful in a political career, and he may be assured that he will soon find himself isolated and rejected by the majority. That is just the way the world system works! So what is the definition of “compromise”? Listen to Webster’s dictionary –

“COMPROMISE is a settlement of differences reached by mutual concessions.”

To have true “compromise” between parties it must be by mutual agreement. We must then understand the meaning of “mutual”. Again, listen to Webster –

‘MUTUAL simply means “given and received in equal amount”’.

COMPROMISE IS NOTHING MORE THAN TWO DIFFERING OPINIONS OR POSITIONS COMING TOGETHER, EACH SIDE GIVING UP A PORTION OF THEIR OPINION OR POSITION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

Sounds very noble, does it not? In fact, compromise can be a very good thing when it applies to earthly relationships between spouses, between friends and even between cities or nations. Compromise can lead to humility and serve us well as we learn to give up our desire so that another can be blessed in some way. However, there is a dark side to this act of compromise, a very dark and deadly side, and it is to this side of compromise that I will speak to.

The dark and deadly side of compromise takes place when GOD’S people alter, bend, add to or take away from His holy word. When we engage in such activity what we call compromise for the good of all, GOD CALLS REBELLION! When we rebel against His word, at best we will miss His full blessing, and at worst we could find ourselves eternally cast out of His presence as our voices join with the horrible wailing that rises from the pit of darkness.

Concerning the Word of GOD it is written in Psalm 89:34 as follows:

*“My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of MY lips.”*

In Ecclesiastes 3:4 it is written:

*“I know that whatever GOD does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing*

*taken from it. GOD does it, that men should fear before Him.*”

In Proverbs 30:5 & 6 we hear –

*“Every word of GOD is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.”*

In Matthew 4:4 JESUS said:

*“It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of GOD.”*

IN John 17:17 JESUS said that FATHER’S word is true! In John 6:63 He said the word is spirit and life. JESUS said that the only way to be His disciple was to abide (or stay) in His word. (See John 8:31) In John 14:23 JESUS said that if anyone loves Him, they will keep His word. In the following (24<sup>th</sup>) verse He said if you did not keep His word, that you do not love Him. Don’t add lying to your sin by saying that you love JESUS and then reject His word! Listen to our Lord’s very words in John 12:48 -

*“He who rejects ME, and does not receive MY words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”*

It is one thing to stumble over the word of GOD, repent before GOD and man, receive His grace, mercy and forgiveness, and it is something else all together to hear the word and then to compromise that word FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER! The former action will lead to life and a walk of true holiness, while the latter action will lead to death and destruction. If you believe otherwise, then you must believe that GOD has changed to accommodate your open rebellion. I pray that you are not counted among those who would call GOD a liar, as He has said:

*“For I am the Lord, I do not change.”* (Malachi 3:6)

*“—Indeed I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*  
(Isaiah 46:11)

*“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”* (JESUS speaking Matthew 5:18)

*“---let GOD be true but every man a liar.”* (Romans 3:4)

Our GOD has never in the past, will not now and will not in the future, allow you or me or any other living soul to compromise His word without suffering the consequences! COMPROMISE HAS NEVER BEEN A PART OF GOD’S CHARACTER. GOD and His word are ONE and cannot be separated. That means all of His word, not just that portion that we might agree with or that we find less offensive. I challenge anyone reading these words to show me in GOD’S holy word between Genesis 1; 1 and Revelation 22:21 where our GOD makes provision for His people to compromise His word by not following It to the letter! Search it out and if I am wrong, I will quickly repent and do so publicly.

I am afraid that unless there is granted to the church a season of deep, deep repentance our nation will suffer total destruction in the wake of GOD’S wrath. For the most part, the church in America has so compromised the word of GOD that she no longer cares what GOD has said. Leonard Ravenhill in his book entitled “Why Revival Tarries” said: “We are so subnormal these days that normal New Testament experience seems abnormal.” He went on to say “The brutal, soul-shaking truth is that we are so earthly minded we are of no heavenly use.”

The church in America has not reached her present compromised state overnight. What we are now witnessing is the result of many, many, many generations of believers who chose to compromise FATHER'S word for acceptance in the world and now the world has totally rejected the Church and the Church finds herself having little if anything to offer the people of the world to turn to the Body of Christ. Once again I quote Brother Leonard Ravenhill:

“The political crystal-gazers give us no cheerful predictions, and the world's senior statesmen are whistling to keep up their courage. John Citizen stands bewildered as a spectator, seeing the Russellites, the Millennial Dawnists, and Jehovah's Witnesses peddling their poison at his door. Christian Science – which is neither Christian nor yet scientific – jostles with the Roman Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists to claim their right to lead him to heaven. John Citizen has heard of the Gospel with the hearing of the ear, but his eyes have never seen and his soul has never felt the power of a divine visitation. He has every right to ask “Where is their GOD?” What shall we answer him?”

### **WHAT WILL YOU ANSWER HIM?**

When I personally take sixteen plus years of intense daily Bible study, all of the teaching that I have received along with at least a small measure of revelation by the Spirit of GOD and weigh all of that against what I see and hear in the church – when I then look honestly at my own personal experience, I can fully understand John Citizen asking, Where is your GOD? Please do not misunderstand me, I have seen GOD move, I have personally seen supernatural signs and wonders, my GOD has healed me and others around me. My zeal for FATHER'S word is not me, it is the Spirit of GOD in me! That is enough evidence for me! If I die and leave here before I finish this message, know this – I am blessed! But there is more – much, much more! We the Church are called to be a wholly separated people, a peculiar people, royal priests, a part of a holy nation, NOT A COMPROMISED PEOPLE, NOT A POWERLESS PEOPLE! We are not called to become spiritual eunuchs and yet for the most part that is exactly what we have become. If JESUS tarries and we, the Church, continue on in our present state, what will the church look like in say 20 years or 50 years? If 100 years pass what will you see in the pulpits of America? What will the young people look like then? I could go on and on but the thought makes me sick and I believe GOD'S wrath must be building and that is frightening. Several days ago, on January 15<sup>th</sup> I received the following revelation of how GOD'S people fall away and end up incurring His judgment, or worse, His wrath. Please allow me to share what I saw.

The Church (this could be a single fellowship or even a denomination) starts off as they did in the first two chapters of Acts. Everything is great and according to GOD'S commandments, precepts and judgements. The people are blessed, FATHER is pleased and there is daily added new children into the family of GOD. But after a while, the prophetic voice that guides His people fades, and before you know it that word that guides us on the highway of holiness becomes very unpopular. As it does, FATHER lets His people have their way. Left unchecked that Church or people become lukewarm. Their zeal and holy fire no longer rages because they have become comfortable and well acquainted with the world. If this Church is left unchecked they will develop into a Church of compromise. At first it may be no more than in the order of authority between men and women or their dress or the tolerated behavior of their young people, etc., etc. These compromises are justified one way or another and Lucifer loves to have it so, because he knows that given enough time this body of believers will become corrupt. Corruption, left unchecked will eventually lead to spiritual death and eternity in hell! Today this demonic disease of corruption is spreading like gangrene and is eating souls like a hog eats slop. If you have ever watched a hog eat slop, you know that they literally inhale that slop like they were starving to death.

I tell you the truth, we have entire denominations that are in the “final stages” of corruption! Listen to GOD'S word from I Corinthians 6:9, 10 –

*“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of GOD? Do not be*

*deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of GOD.”*

Many churches today embrace and flaunt the sin of I Corinthians 6:9, 10! In the world we know that “early detection” is essential to surviving deadly disease. Inside the body of that person who is suffering from the advanced stages of cancer there was a point in time when one cell went haywire and started on a course that if left unchecked would kill that person and put them in a grave. The day that one cell went haywire that person felt good, looked good and a through physical would more than likely have pronounced them to be in good health. As that cell begins to do its deadly hellish work, frequently it will do so much damage before detected that only the most aggressive effort to destroy the disease will work. Radical surgery, chemotherapy, radiation or all of the above will be required.

So it is with the sin of compromise in the church. When the spirit of compromise enters into any local body of believers, it enters unnoticed unless the prophet of GOD is present and operating under the full anointing of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, the enemy has entered into the camp undetected! The door that he entered will always be opened by man with the best of intentions, and nearly always in the name of JESUS. This is a spiritual truth and it should send frightening chills up our spine. How is it that cancer entering our body scares us so, but when the demonic agent of Lucifer himself enters in we receive him and accept his presence just as if he were one of us? May GOD have mercy on us! Not that we have not been warned, listen to our FATHER’S word –

*“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transforms themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.” (2 Corinthians 11:14,15)*

### **WE HAVE BEEN WARNED!!**

Now I ask you, where do you think that Lucifer and his demons disguised as “light” and “righteousness” are going to show up? At the strip tease club? At the local bar? At the porno movie? Will they show up at the abortion clinic, or the torture chamber of a prison deep within the jungle of a third world country? I tell you – NO! NO! NO! THIS ANGEL OF LIGHT AND HIS MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHOW UP IN THE CHURCH, AND THEY LOVE THE CHURCH WHERE THEIR FELLOW DEMON KNOWN AS “COMPROMISE” HAS PREPARED FOR THEIR ARRIVAL!

The compromised church is the most vulnerable because that church has had its spiritual sensitivity dulled to the point where they have little problem compromising GOD’S word as long as they believe they are doing so in “the light of His revelation” and in “love and righteousness”. This deception is as deadly as a King Cobra snake and make no mistake about it, we are all vulnerable! If you think for one minute that you or your church are exempt, then you among all people are most deceived!

### **WAKE UP SAINTS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

If this revelation that I have shared with you is wrong, then all I have done is waste 7 or 8 hours of my time and a few dollars and you have wasted 15 or 20 minutes reading it. But, if this revelation is true, what will YOU do about it?

God Bless

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