Four Compromises Of Pharaoh

Intro: Moses was commissioned to go to Pharaoh for God and tell Pharaoh, “Let my people go.” Pharaoh refused and as a result ten plagues (1—water to blood; 2—Frogs; 3—Lice; 4—Flies; 5—Murrain; 6—Boils; 7—Hail; 8—Locust; 9—Darkness; 10—Death of Firstborn) came upon Egypt. During these plagues Pharaoh offered four compromises. Compromise means that you concede or give up something. The world tries to get the church to compromise today. Let us look at these compromises of Pharaoh and apply them to today.

I. Go Sacrifice in the Land
   A. Exo. 8:25 “And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.”
   B. Worship in Egypt.
      1. During the plague of flies.
         a. The previous three plagues were upon both Egypt and Israel.
         b. God now separates Israel resulting in this plague along with the remainder coming just upon Egypt.
      2. Notice Moses’ response; Exo. 8:27 “We will go three days’ journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.”
   C. Compromise plain Bible teaching.
      1. The morally good will be saved.
      2. Saved by grace only.
         a. Tit. 2:11 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”
         b. Mat. 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
         c. Mat. 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”
         d. That grace must be accepted.
      3. Saved by faith only.
         a. Mark. 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
         b. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
         c. Faith must be obedient.
         d. Jam. 2:14, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 26 “What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?... 17Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.... 20But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”
Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?... Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

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4. Baptism is not essential to salvation.
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   c. Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
   d. 1 Pet. 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

5. One church is as good as another.
   a. Eph. 4:4 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;” cf. Eph. 1:22-23 “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”
   b. Mat. 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
   c. Eph. 5:23 “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”

II. GO SACRIFICE IN THE WILDERNESS ONLY YE SHALL NOT GO VERY FAR AWAY.

A. Exo. 8:28 “And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me.”

B. Stay close to the border so you are still under my reach and control.
   1. During the plague of flies.
   2. Satan does not give up after his first failure.

C. Become a Christian, but live like the world.
   1. Drinking, Dancing, Immodesty, Gambling, Immorality, Evil Speaking, etc.
   2. Never truly repent (turn to God).
   3. The children of Israel had become so accustomed to sin they could no longer blush.
      a. Jer. 6:15 “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.”
      b. Are we or have we become the same way.
   4. Gal. 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings,
and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

5. 1 Cor. 6:9-10 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

6. Eph. 5:3-5 “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

7. Col. 3:5-6 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.”

D. Col. 3:1-2 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

III. GO YE THAT ARE MEN AND SERVE THE LORD.

A. Exo. 10:7-11 “And Pharaoh’s servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? 8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? 9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD. 10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you. 11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.”

B. Have the women and children stay behind so that the men would soon return.

1. This was after the plague of hail; Moses had told them about the plague of locust.
2. The response: the plague came upon them.

C. What about the home today? Satan has gained concessions from many because of family relations.

1. Many have compromised God’s law on marriage, divorce and remarriage because of family.
   a. Mat. 5:32 “But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”
   b. Mat. 19:9 “And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”
2. Satan tries to negotiate a compromise for you to send your children to Bible School or worship, with the goal of persuading them to return to him after a while.
a. Mat. 10:35-37 “For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

b. Luke 14:26 “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”

IV. GO YE, ONLY LET YOUR FLOCKS AND YOUR HERDS BE STAYED.

A. Exo. 10:24 “And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.”

B. Leave your possessions behind.

1. After the plague of darkness.
2. Moses response; Exo. 10:25-26 “And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.”

C. How many compromise with Satan because of possessions.

1. Luke 12:15-21 “And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

2. Luke 12:34 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

3. Mat. 6:24 “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

4. Mat. 16:26 “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Conclusion: We must never compromise with Satan in any way. God delivered Israel and He will us, if we remain faithful.