

# SATAN'S ATTEMPTS AT COMPROMISE--NOW

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Now let's move forward to our day and time. Just as Pharaoh tried to get Moses to compromise in Egypt, Satan now seeks to get God's people to **compromise**. The names, tactics, and issues are different, but the end result will be the same—he controls on his own terms, according to his agenda, not the Lord's. What does Satan want us to do?

**Worship in the world.** *"Therefore, 'Come out from among them and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,' says the LORD Almighty." {2 Corinthians 6:17,18}* Satan wants people to think they can hold on to both God and the world. We must choose which standard—God's or the world's—to honor. *"And Elijah came to all the people, and said, 'How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.' But the people answered him not a word." {1 Kings 18:21}* Satan offers many compromises: (1) Worship at the church of your choice (2) Doctrine doesn't matter (3) Worship should please people—not God. Do you see what Satan is trying to do? He's saying "Go ahead and worship God, but according to your own standards, not God's."

**Barely enter the church.** *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see." {Revelation 3:15-18}* Satan doesn't mind you being a member of the church, as long as you're not dedicated or committed. He offers several compromises: (1) Attend only the Sunday-morning worship. (2) Do not attend any of the Bible studies. (3) You don't need to pay attention; just be there. (4) Attend only when it doesn't conflict with your schedule. (5) Don't study on your own, just when you meet in the Lord's church services. Satan loves lukewarm Christians.

**Leave the children in the world.** *"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." {Ephesians 6:4}* Satan hopes to influence parents not to pressure their children into becoming Christians. Allow social activities to take precedence over attending worship and Bible studies. Remember, you don't want to upset them, so don't overwhelm them with church. Don't be too strict; let them have a little fun; after all, they'll grow out of it. They are just sowing their wild oats. Later, they can make up their own minds. These compromises all have the same result—lost children.

**Accumulate worldly treasures.** *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." {Matthew 6:19-21}* Satan's goal is getting us to believe we can have the best of two worlds. Sadly, many people have just enough religion to make them miserable. Satan says that not ALL our treasures need to be in heaven; there's plenty of room to have some here, no matter how much time it takes to attain them. Such compromises are spiritually fatal.

Satan says, “**Compromise with sin and error.**” Jesus says, “**Remain steadfast in the truth.**” Make no mistake about it, our adversary the devil is very good at “packaging” his lies to mislead, entrap, and deceive the simple minded by hiding the true cost of such choices. Each of us has to make a choice. Please don’t choose to be a **compromiser**. \*\*\*