

COMPROMISE IN EGYPT

1. Text: Exodus 7:14-16
2. This text is in the long passage where Moses confronts Pharaoh to let Israel go. It is one of the most dramatic struggles in world literature.
3. Pharaoh's economy rested on the slave labor. He could not allow them to leave. Therefore, he suggests some compromises. Satan knows how valuable compromise is to his purposes.
4. Here are four Pharaoh offers.

I. **“Go, Sacrifice To Your God In The Land.”**

1. This is found in 8:25. Point: We don't mind you adding one more god here in Egypt. They already had many. Where you worship is immaterial.
2. Moses' answer: We cannot do it here. It would be an abomination to God. (8:26-27)
3. II Corinthians 6:17 “Come out from their midst and be separate.”
4. God's people must often separate themselves from situations where obedience to God's truth is lacking.

II. **“Do Not Go Very Far Away.”**

1. This is found in 8:28. Stay where I can keep an eye on you and you will still have the ties.
2. This sounds like the warning of Jesus in Matthew 6:24 with its choice between two masters.
3. Romans 12:1-2. We cannot conform to Egypt and be transformed in the wilderness.
4. Most folks want their religion this way.

III. **“Leave The Little Ones Behind.”**

1. This is the point of Exodus 10:8-11. Only the men or adults can go. Children would be left behind.
2. Children are precious. Israel would come back for them. And if no children, the movement will die.
3. Today's compromise: “Be religious, but don't force your religion on your children.”
4. Ephesians 6:4 Parents, bring up your children in the training and admonition of the Lord.

IV. **“Leave Your Flocks And Herds.”**

1. See Exodus 10:24.
2. Basically this means leave your valuables behind.
3. “Don't commit the material things to your God.”
4. Christians demonstrate commitments as they use their time, talents, treasure for the Lord. (II Corinthians 8:4-5)

Conclusions:

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