

God Hates Compromise

Does God really care how you worship and serve Him as long as your heart is sincere and you're a nice guy?

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:8

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Introduction

Last Sunday we studied the importance of “Every Word of God” by holy examples. We saw our Lord and Paul argue important doctrine from single words of the Old Testament. Remember?

We live in an age of compromise.

Politicians compromise convictions to secure votes and pass legislation.
Police compromise to avoid riots in the streets, as in Cincinnati in recent weeks.
Employers compromise to keep employees from unionizing and stopping production.

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The distinction between the sexes is broken down.
The importance of authority at all levels is broken down.
The flattery of children is more important than the honor of parents.

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It is politically correct to accept anyone who is sincere regardless of beliefs.
It is socially fashionable not to be critical or judgmental or opinionated.
It is impolite and improper to bring up religious topics for discussion.

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Billy Graham and Jack Van Impe, ex-Fundamentalists, treat the Pope like he is Peter or Paul.
Jerry Falwell, an ex-Fundamentalist, treats Robert Schuller like a brother in the Lord.
James Dobson, Bill Gothard, and the Promisekeepers have fellowship with 117 different faiths.

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Women preach. Lesbians marry. Churches rent televisions for Super Bowl Sunday.
Casual worship is the rage. Contemporary worship is cutting edge.
Churches advertise, “Will you come back, if we promise not to throw the book at you?”

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Our First Baptist Church announced discussion to end requiring baptism for membership.
Musical instruments, holidays, Sunday Schools, and a thousand other inventions are accepted.
They say, “Modify the message to meet the masses.” They mean, “Modify the message to multiply the money.”

Satan has almost won. Will the Son of man find faith on the earth (Luke 18:8)?

Let me teach you the fear of the Lord in regard to His holy doctrine and compromise.

What Does God Think about Compromise?

HIS WORDS ARE ABSOLUTE AND ALLOW NO COMPROMISE.

- Deut 4:2 Whatever He commands must be done. There can be no additions or subtractions.
Deut 5:32 Whatever He commands must be done. No one can turn to the left or the right.
Deut 12:32 Whatever He commands must be done. There can be no additions or subtractions.
Joshua 1:7 Whatever He commands must be done. No one can turn to the left or the right.
Ps 119:128 All His rules about all things are right, and every false way should be hated.
Prov 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure, and any addition to them will make you a liar.
Re 22:18-19 He will severely judge any man wicked enough to add or subtract from His Word.

HIS JUDGMENT AGAINST SIN IS SEVERE.

- Gen 2:17-18 Adam and Eve and 150 billion children earned eternal hell by one bite of a fruit.
Gen 7:21-24 He drowned and suffocated each human and animal without any pity or regard.
Ac 12:20-24 He killed Herod and ate him with worms for saying “thanks” at the wrong time.
Rom 1:18-24 Because the wicked compromise nature’s light, He gives them reprobate minds.

HIS JUDGMENT AGAINST COMPROMISE IS SEVERE.

- Gen 9:22-27 The posterity of Ham by Canaan were cursed for compromising parental honor.
Gen 19:30-38 Lot compromised all the way to Sodom’s city council; but he was tortured in his soul, lost his family and everything, and impregnated his two daughters in a cave.
Ex 32:26-29 He had the Levites prove loyalty about the golden calf by killing family members.
Lev 10:1-7 He killed Aaron’s two sons for offering innovative incense, and He would not allow grief for them. Is not this harsh for ordained men in the worship of God?
Nu 14:1-45 He killed ten spies and the whole nation without remedy for not taking the land.
Nu 15:30-36 Israel had to stone a man to death just for picking up sticks on the sabbath day.
Nu 16:1-40 He swallowed Korah, Dathan, Abiram, wives, and little children with the earth and burned up the 250 princes for presuming on an office and man He had called.
Nu 16:41-50 He killed 14,700 Israelites for grieving for Korah and the 250 princes of Israel.
Nu 20:6-13 Moses and Aaron missed Canaan for using the rod instead of talking to the rock. Even though they got the right results, God ignored forty years of faithful service.
Nu 21:4-6 He sent fiery serpents among them to kill many for compromising thankfulness.
Nu 25:1-9 He demanded the hanging of the rulers and killed twenty-four thousand for a little lovemaking compromise with the Moabites. Phinehas earned His praise for zeal.
Josh 7:24-26 Israel stoned and burned Achan, his entire family, and all possessions for stealing.
I Sam 6:19 Why did 50,300 die just for peeking in the ark? Aw shucks, you must be kidding.

II Sa 6:1-10 He killed Uzzah in David's glorious parade for using an ox cart (I Chron 15:13).
 II Sa 12:7-14 He killed a baby for David's sin and punished him horribly with Absalom.
 II Sa 24:15 Why did 70,000 die just for numbering Israel? Is an innocent census that bad?
 II Kg 2:23-24 He sent she bears to tear forty-two children for compromising ministerial respect.
 II Kg 6:24-29 He made the famine so bad in Samaria they ate dove's dung and their children.
 II Kg 17:1-23 The Lord took Israel captive into Assyria for secretly compromising His statutes.
 II Chr 26:19 He smote Uzzah with leprosy in his face for attempting to burn priestly incense.
 Acts 5:1-11 He killed Ananias and Sapphira for giving less than the total they claimed.
 I Cor 11:30 He killed, weakened, and sickened many at Corinth for communion compromise.
 Rev 2:23 He promised to kill children with death for a compromising prophetess Jezebel.

HIS DEFINITION OF TRUTH IS NARROW AND EXTREME.

Gen 4:1-7 Cain was rejected though offering to the LORD at the right place at the right time.
 Isaiah 8:20 He condemns any contrary opinion to Scripture as having no light at all.
 Jeremiah 3:1 The Lord compares compromising truth to a wife taking on many lovers.
 Ezek 16:33 He compares compromising truth to a wife buying lovers rather than getting paid.
 Matt 7:22-23 Lip service does not mean anything to the Lord of heave, only true obedience.
 Mat 13:44-46 Jesus valued the truth so highly that a man would sell all that he had for it.
 Matt 28:20 Only Christ's commandments and all of His commandments are to be taught.
 Luke 6:26 Lip service does not mean anything to the Lord of heaven, only true obedience.
 Jn 4:21-24 He denied truth to both Israel and Samaria, allowing it only to Himself.
 John 8:44 Lies come from the devil, for he lied from the beginning and is the father of them.
 John 14:6 He claimed to be the Truth Himself, and therefore everything else is a lie.
 Acts 4:12 There is no salvation outside His Name, for there is no Saviour but Jesus Christ.
 Acts 17:11 Noble men and women search the Scriptures to determine truth and reject all else.
 Acts 18:26 Though Apollos was very gifted, instructed, and fervent, he needed conversion.
 Rom 3:4 He can easily condemn all men as liars and Himself as the source of truth.
 Rom 11:6 His precise definition of grace and works does not allow for any mixture of them.
 I Cor 11:16 Even on matters as minor as hair length, He would not allow any contention.
 I Cor 14:38 He condemned those who didn't like it His way as being hopelessly ignorant.
 II Cor 11:4 He warned against another Jesus, gospel, and spirit from Satan the great deceiver.
 Gal 1:8-9 Paul absolutely condemned any other doctrine from any source as cursed by God.
 I Thess 5:21 We are to prove all things by objective criteria and reject anything not qualifying.
 I Tim 4:1-3 If men preach against meat and marriage – no matter how sincere – it is devilish.
 II Tim 3:7 The Lord ridicules the education and learning of our age as missing the truth.
 Tit 1:12-14 Paul rightly condemned the Cretians as always liars, evil beasts, and slow bellies.
 I John 4:6 John demanded all spirits and men be tried by the apostles to confirm the truth.

HIS RULES FOR COMPROMISERS ARE HARSH.

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| Neh 13:25 | Nehemiah smote, cursed, and pulled the hair of those compromising in marriage. |
| Ps 50:21-22 | Though He is sometimes silent, He promises to tear compromisers in pieces. |
| Ro 16:17-18 | Compromises of apostolic doctrine are marked and avoided as belly worshippers. |
| Phil 3:18-19 | Those who mind earthly things are belly worshippers and the enemies of Christ. |
| II Thess 3:6 | Paul ordered total separation from any man not following apostolic tradition. |
| Tit 3:10-11 | Heretics get two chances to repent and convert, or they are to be rejected. |
| II Jn 1:10-11 | He would not allow his beloved lady to entertain or bless any compromisers. |
| Rev 2:1-5 | He promised to remove the candlestick from Ephesus for losing their first love. |

HE REJECTS NOBLE EXCUSES FOR COMPROMISE.

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| I Sa 15:22-23 | God took the kingdom from Saul for compromise and called it witchcraft and idolatry, even though the people chose compromise for sacrifice unto the Lord. |
| Is 1:10-15 | The Lord hated Israel's hypocritical feasts and called them Sodom and Gomorrah. |
| Mal 2:1-9 | He promised a facial of religious dung for the priests who compromised His word. |
| Matt 15:5 | Jesus condemned the vowing of assets to the temple to avoid parental honor. |
| Mat 8:21-22 | Jesus condemned one of His disciples desiring to bury his father for compromise. |
| Mat 15:1-20 | Jesus condemned Jewish tradition as vain worship and showed disdain for them. |
| Lu 14:25-33 | Jesus Christ demanded hatred for our dearest relationships to be His disciple. |

HE WARNS AGAINST COMPROMISE.

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| Nu 15:37-41 | Israel wore blue ribbons on their garments to remind them against compromise. |
| De 28:47-48 | God promised to destroy any who would not serve Him with joyful, glad hearts. |
| Jos 24:16-20 | Joshua rebuked Israel sharply for any idea of serving the Lord with compromise. |
| Job 32:1-22 | Elihu knew God's inspiration to be greater than wisdom of old and esteemed men. |
| Ps 119:99 | In comparison to God's words, teachers are not to be respected or followed. |
| Ps 119:100 | In comparison to God's words, the ancients are not to be esteemed or followed. |
| Ezek 20:39 | The Lord exhorts Israel to idolatry, if they are not going to eliminate compromise. |
| Amos 4:4-5 | The Lord exhorts Israel to idolatry, if they are not going to eliminate compromise. |
| Matt 6:24 | Jesus states absolutely it is impossible to compromise between God and mammon. |
| I Cor 16:22 | He curses any not fully loving the Lord Jesus Christ with judgment at His coming. |
| II Co 6:14-18 | Only absolute separation from false religion will bring His fatherly affection. |
| I Tim 6:3-5 | Ministers are warned to withdraw from any man consenting not to God's Word. |
| II Tim 3:5 | The perilous times of the last days would be characterized by a form of godliness without authority, and Timothy was to avoid such compromising teachers. |
| James 4:4 | He condemns any man who chooses to be a friend of the world as His enemy. |
| II Pe 2:20-22 | He condemned those who compromise with their former ways as dogs and pigs. |
| I Jn 2:15-17 | Compromise with the world and its things proves the lack of any love for God. |
| Rev 3:15-16 | Jesus prefers us hot (zealous) or cold (pagans), but not lukewarm (compromisers). |

Conclusion

Jesus Christ has not changed one whit in the New Testament. He is Jehovah God. Paul did not write to the Hebrews as if He had changed much (Heb 2:1-3; 10:26-31; 12:25-29; 13:8).

There is a right way to do things to please God, and every other way is to be rejected and hated.

The saints of God are to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3). It is not yet being delivered by the innovations and compromises of “good and godly men.”

The church of Jesus Christ is to be the pillar and ground [support] of the truth (I Tim 3:15).

The ministers of Christ are to be faithful in perpetuating the truth to other teachers (II Tim 2:2).

Unless you have an airtight and obvious position from the Word of God alone, submit and obey.

We do not care for numbers, antiquity, esteem, results, popularity, practicality, personalities, feelings, confusion, etc.

We have many practical commandments for our lives in which to fear God (Pr 8:13; Eccl 12:13), and we must take each commandment and reject any thought of compromise. If the Bible requires husbands to love their wives without bitterness (Col 3:19), then it must not be compromised. If the Bible requires wives to reverence their husbands (Eph 5:33), then it must not be compromised. And this logic of faith applies to every commandment.

Instead of using Psalm 119:128 against heresy and false doctrine, let us use it against ourselves and our profane habits of compromising God’s holy Word.

He demands our absolute obedience and total devotion and constant joy in knowing Him. There is no room for compromise in obedience, devotion, or spirit toward Him.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb 10:31).