

RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE

Text: Exodus 7:16a

INTRO: One of the best tools Satan has ever used is religious compromise. If he can get us to mix truth with error, he has led us astray from the truth. Pharaoh served as the agent of Satan in Ex 7-10 in seeking to get God's people to compromise. The Hebrews, as they entered the wilderness became symbolic of the Lord's church which was to be established in the last days, 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Acts 7:38.

I. WORSHIP HERE IN THE LAND, EX. 8:25-27.

- A. Today, a like compromise is offered: Worship God within the human institutions of man.

- B. You don't need to leave the world & become a member of Christ's church.

II. GO INTO THE WILDERNESS, BUT NOT VERY FAR, vs. 28.

- A. Don't be fanatic about it. Become a church member if you must, but don't put the kingdom first, MT 6:33.

- B. Keep your eyes on the world; don't give up too much. Luke 17:32.

III. GO INTO THE WILDERNESS BUT DON'T TAKE YOUR FAMILY. EX. 10:8-11.

- A. Go, if you must, but don't make your children go. Wait till they are grown & let them decide for themselves.

Eph. 6:14, And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

- B. Make sure the children get their school lessons, but don't be concerned whether they study for Bible classes.

IV. LEAVE YOUR POSSESSIONS BEHIND, EX. 10:24-26.

Go into the church if you insist, but don't involve your possessions in the deal. Let the world keep hold of your purse strings.

Build up your treasures on earth. MT 6:19-20.

CONCLUSION: Pilate's great sin was a result of compromise.
READ LUKE 23:13-16.

Springhill, LA, February 16, 1975

La Porte, TX, October 17, 1976

La Porte, TX, May 2, 1982

Exton, PA, March 6, 1988

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, September 27, 1992

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, April 7, 2002