

End-Time Prep Series
Lesson 13: Compromising With The Enemy
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What is the definition of compromise?

Noun

“an agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions.”

Verb

1. “settle a dispute by mutual concession.”
2. “accept standards that are lower than is desirable

(Reference: Oxford Languages)

Satan is the enemy of all the inhabitants of the earth. He has no love for anyone even those who have conceded to his lies and deceptions.

Revelation 12:12

12Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Satan hates all people! Satan is an enemy to all people. Those who compromise with Satan are compromising with the enemy! Satan makes no concessions. Only those who compromise make concessions.

God has revealed through His Word from Genesis to Revelation that we are not to compromise with the world in any way, shape, or form. Not one iota. To do this is sin against God. If any in the church compromise with the world and its standards, they are enemies of God.

James 4:4

4whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Those who compromise with Satan have not gained favor with him or receive love from him. He does not know how to love and hates all people. Those who compromise with Satan and the world have two enemies - God and Satan.

What was Israel's condition when they compromised with Satan and the world?

Isaiah 1:4-7

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

Isaiah 56:10-11

10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Jeremiah 10:21

21 For the pastors are become brutish [Gk: waste], and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

As a result of the Jewish leadership and their followers rejection of Jesus, what judgment did He pronounce on their “compromised” church system?

Matthew 23:37, 38

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate.**

Don't miss this! Because of compromise of truth, the law and the testimonies, “My house of prayer” became “Your house left desolate” (Matthew 21:13)

What did Jesus call this compromised church system that rejected truth?

Matthew 21:12, 13

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.**

Den (Greek) *spēlaion spay'-lah-yon*: a cavern; by implication a **hiding place** or *resort*: - cave, den.

A den is a dark place where one can hide without notice. The leadership of this compromised system kept their true purposes of greed and covetousness in the dark from the people. By stealth,

they robbed the people from the truth and sold them lies! What did the leadership get in exchange of the lies? Money, prestige, control, and power! Jesus exposed them!

Where does compromise lead to?

Jeremiah 51:18

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Those who compromise with the enemy are against the truth, the three angels' message, the Ten Commandments, the medical missionary work. true healing, and true education.

We are not to make a league or an agreement with the enemy.

What did God tell Israel?

Exodus 23:32-33

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

Judges 2:2

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

Israel out of rebellion and a lack of faith disobeyed and made agreements with the heathen nations around them. They forsook the everlasting covenant and the truth in exchange for lies, false doctrines, and everlasting death. God told Israel to destroy the Canaanites that surrounded them but instead they compromised and made agreements with the enemy!

The same applies to us, we should make no league with the world and its low standards.

When it comes to our churches and institutions, many have forsaken the medical missionary work and true education in all its fullness. Our churches, hospitals, and schools are compromising with the enemy.

For example: Our hospitals have compromised with pharmakeia and the evil system of administering poisonous drugs for money, prestige and worldly recognition. Our schools have lowered their standards and compromised with the enemy by seeking and receiving accreditation from the world. They are now more concerned about the standard of the worldly accrediting

agencies than the standard of the Word of God. They went from the “Highest Education” to just higher education.

What valuable counsel is given about our education and medical missionary work concerning compromise?

“I am instructed to say that in our educational work there is to be no compromise in order to meet the world's standards. God's commandment-keeping people are not to unite with the world to carry various lines of work according to worldly plans and worldly wisdom.

Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we shall not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God and who will not hearken to His commandments.” {Ellen White, Medical Missionary p. 61.4}

Compromising with the enemy leads to a false revival and reformation that will give up the pillars of truth. What does Ellen White say concerning this?

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed.” “The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” {1 Selected Messages Pg. 204-205}

Should we go to the God of Ekron to learn how to do the medical missionary work? What principles are we given?

“Those who walk in the narrow way are following in the footprints of Jesus. The light from heaven illuminates their path.

Shall we represent before the world that our physicians must follow the pattern of the world before they can be qualified to act as successful physicians? This is the question that is now testing the faith of some of our brethren. Let not any of our brethren displease the Lord by advocating in their assemblies the idea that we need to obtain from unbelievers a higher education than that specified by the Lord.

The representation of the Great Teacher is to be considered an all-sufficient revelation. Those in our ranks who qualify as physicians are to receive only such education as is in harmony with these divine truths. Some have advised that students should, after taking some work at Loma Linda, complete their medical education in worldly colleges. But this is not in harmony with the Lord's plan. God is our wisdom, our sanctification, and our righteousness. Facilities should be provided at

Loma Linda that the necessary instruction in medical lines may be given by instructors who fear the Lord and who are in harmony with His plans for the treatment of the sick.

I have not a word to say in favor of the world's ideas of higher education in any school that we shall organize for the training of physicians. There is danger in their attaching themselves to worldly institutions and working under the ministrations of worldly physicians. Satan is giving his orders to those whom he has led to depart from the faith. I would now advise that none of our young people attach themselves to worldly medical institutions in the hope of gaining better success or stronger influence as physicians." - Letter 132, 1909.

What promises does God give for those who do not compromise with the enemy?

Deuteronomy 28:9, 13

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*:

Psalms 103:17-18

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Revelation 21:4-7

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

6 And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

Appeal – Don't compromise with the enemy! Stay faithful to your friend and Savior Jesus Christ.