

# Preaching at Bethel Prayer Ministry, München

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## The deceptive/destructive Power of Compromise

### Prelude

There are different storms in life:

Compromise, temptation, tribulation, decision making, marriage problems, poverty, distress, persecution, rejection etc.

If you stand firm in the storm, acknowledging that God has his umbrella spread over you and you fail to fall victim of compromise with things of GOD, then NOTHING can separate you from the love of God and God will mount your wings and catapult you to a better level.

### Let us pray

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### Topic: **The Deceptive/Destructive Power of Compromise**

#### ❖ **Definition of Compromise:**

**Compromise** is a settlement of differences by mutual concessions; an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing claims whereby each side gives up something it has asked for.

#### ❖ **Compromise** may be fine in

- **politics and in solving disputes between two enemies** - Politicians compromise convictions to secure votes and pass legislation
- **resolving issues of judgment and liberties** - Police compromise to avoid riots in the streets while Employers compromise to keep employees from unionizing and stopping production. Now workers are on strike by Lufthansa. A compromise must be reached between the workers union and the management

The Bible makes it clear that **God does not condone compromising His standards.**

***DON'T COMPROMISE with rules and instructions of the Lord. It has a devastating end.***

The deceptive power of compromise is among the greatest threats to any believer. You must guide yourself from deceptive philosophy of Satan and his compromising methods. Don't allow him to lure you into his kingdom.

**Compromise** starts with flattery, then it uses fantasy, carnal reasoning and temptation to achieve its goal.

**Carnal reasoning** operates through your senses – thinking, sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing – and works powerfully to **manipulate your emotions.**

## Bible Verses: Genesis 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the **LORD** God had made. And he said unto the woman, *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*

3 *But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

❖ **Here Eve has added her own version of God's instruction – exaggeration or solidification?**

Gen 2:17 says "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, *Ye shall not surely die:*

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then *your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was good for food*, and that it *was pleasant to the eyes*, and a tree to be *desired to make onewise*, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

❖ **Why did Eve not question the source of Satan's information?**

❖ **How did Satan know all the details?**

❖ **Why did Adam not interfere and rebuke Satan – he was with her?**

**Temptation** was telling both wife and husband: "you deserve it; just take it; no one will ever know; it's your right; there is no consequences; you need a good life, you will not die."

**Temptation** has painted a picture in their mind about how they will be better off.

The **lust of the flesh and eyes** were immediately activated - and she reasoned that *it was a good thing* - something that would make *her feel good* and have *more knowledge*.

Instead of **rebuking** or asking of his **source of information**, **she listened** and was carried away with the **devils fantasy** thereby allowing Satan to penetrate.

**Yes!** she listened to the serpent, saw the forbidden fruit.

- ✚ She **underestimated** Satan, and flirted with **temptation**.
- ✚ She placed **her desires** ahead of the instructions from God
- ✚ She **refused to think** about the consequences
- ✚ Yes! She gave in to the **spirit of compromise**; she touched the fruits and tasted it.

### ➤ **How does Satan operate?**

1. He began with a subtle questioning of God's instructions → 1: "hath God said"

**Gossipers adopt the same system like Satan to lure you:**

*Have you heard? Do you know what happened? Don't say I tell you etc*

Yes you are falling in the trap of the devil if you listen and contribute to gossiping.

You compromise **your morality and conscience**

2. He let in the spirit of carnal reasoning (*tree was good for food*) to usher in the spirit of compromise
3. With the perfect working of the carnal reasoning, he had her go against the revealed instruction of God
4. Satan, who is a deceiver, makes her to think she can gain spiritual growth outside the parameters and instruction of God. → 5: *your eyes shall be opened, ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

**Satan** let Eve's natural desires carry her into his trap.

1. **good for food** → "the lust of the flesh":

It is the desire to do something contrary to God's will

There are various desires of the body, the desire for ease, laziness, sexuality, appetite, greed for physical pleasure.

2. **pleasant to the eyes** → "the lust of the eyes":

It is the desire to have something apart from God's will.

The power of eyesight has an amazing ability to stimulate the desire for sin.

Seeing it will heighten your appetite for something. Oh that lady, that man with the big car

3. **desirable to make one wise** → "the boastful pride of life"

It is the desire to be something apart from God's will

God does not condone compromising His standards and as a result

➤ **God cursed Adam and Eve for yielding to the spirit of compromising.**

This end-time, Christians are not better than Eve because the spirit of compromise has a stranglehold on too many of God's people!

**May God revive his children and destroy the spirit of Compromise in your life in Jesus name**

### **I. Attitude Compromise**

**Our church Service** starts by 10am every Sunday, but your carnal reasoning which operates through your senses will be manipulating you saying "after all, it is bible study till 10:30, you deserve 30 minutes more sleep, God knows you work the whole week".

Satan's lust of the flesh (desire for ease, laziness, I don't care) has overtaken your thinking process. You are already lured into Satan's den and you have compromised the principles of God.

Don't allow Satan to fool you. Change your attitude and mindset.

### **II. Marriage Compromise**

The scripture requires husbands to love their wives without bitterness **Col 3:19**, then it must not be compromised. These days Christ's marriage law are been compromised.

Same-sex marriages are been tolerated.

What God has ordained to be one, has in many cases become two.

In marriages, what the left hand is doing is now a secret to the right hand. **God have mercy on us!**

Satan attempt is always to put a wedge between husband and wife and conquer by dividing.

**Genesis 2:24** does not count in many of today's marriages.

**Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

Ladies these days compromise the temple of God with wealth and search for things of this world and survival. For document purposes they bring illegal children to the world, buy wives and husbands pieces of silver.

### **III. Property Compromise**

Properties is another root of deadly compromise.

Brothers are no more afraid and do not hesitate to compromise the life of their siblings because of property.

Husband kill wives and vice versa because of things of this world.

Because of only **30 pieces of silver** - **Matt 26:15 Judas Iscariot** betrayed Jesus. He fell into the trap of the devil and became victim of moral and doctrinal compromise.

God does not tolerate compromise and He rejects noble excuses for compromise.

Compromise with the world and its things proves the lack of any love for God and provokes God's anger.

## **Let us have a short look at God's actions on compromise:**

**Compromise** with the world brings disastrous consequences to God's people.

### **Instruction Compromise**

- **Solomon** compromised the instruction of God forbidding taking wives from certain nations. He found himself agreeing to an alliance with Egypt and marrying Pharaoh's daughter and he loved many foreign women. He trusted in his wealth and political power more than the power of God. He also *compromised* the truth by tolerating all sorts of paganism. Solomon's compromise caused God to be angry and led to the division of his kingdom -1 Kgs. 11:9-10
- The spirit of God was taken from **King Sau** because he compromised the instruction of God.
- **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. Genesis 19:30-36
- **Moses and Aaron** missed Canaan for compromising the instruction of God by using the rod instead of talking to the rock. Even though they got the right results, God ignored forty years of faithful service.
- God demanded the hanging of the rulers and killed twenty-four thousand for a little **lovmaking compromise** with the Moabites.  
And the **LORD** said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the **LORD** against the sun - Numbers 25:4
- God sent the bears to tear forty-two children for **compromising ministerial respect** 2 Kings 2:23-24
- God promised to kill children with death for compromising prophetess Jezebel Revelations 2:23.
- God sent fiery serpents among them to kill many for **compromising thankfulness**.  
And the **LORD** sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died - Numbers 21:6

### **THE GOOD NEWS IS:**

There is reward for not submitting to the spirit of Compromise

- For a dream **Joseph** was sold into slavery. His brothers wanted to kill him for just a dream but God was with him.

Genesis 39:7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

**What a lucky me** and what a blessing from the almighty some men will say and start praising God.

They will, like Eve, see that she "is good for food, and she is pleasant to the eyes, and a woman desirable to make one happy".

At least he was not the one that made the proposal. It all come from the woman. Oh what a great opportunity and answered prayers.

Temptation and carnal reasoning will be manipulating their emotions "you deserve it; just take it; no one will ever know; it is a blessing from God". The lust of flesh and eye will take control of their conscience.

But NOT Joseph. He refused to submit to the devils plan. He overcame the carnal desires and let Potipher's wife down. Oh was an amazing guy.

One strange thing is that this request of Potiphar's wife continue from day to day.

Gen 39:10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

This guy bluntly refused to allow Satan to lure you into his den. He did not fall a victim of lovmaking compromise.

He, like many patriotic souls in the scriptures, was ready for the consequences.

He was jailed for failure to compromise his morality, conduct, integrity, conscience and laws of God.

The reward was clear: He became the prime minister in a foreign land.

➤ **David and Goliath**

1 Samuel 17:14

And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

David, when he appeared in the battle field, his own brothers and the king discouraged him to face Goliath.

It was recorded that "Eliab's anger was kindled against David" (17:21)

King Saul discouraged him from facing Goliath (17:33)

And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

He did not compromise despite that was not a professional soldier.

David was determined, very bold, uncompromising and sating what God has done for him in the past.

1 Samuel 17:38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

David did not compromise because he realised that compromising will surely lead to defeat.

He put off the armed clothing to face Goliath

And God was with him. And he killed Goliath.

➤ **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego never compromised their confidence in God.**

Daniel 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

They are not ready to compromise the principles of God but were ready for the consequences – to be thrown into the fire and to depend on God alone for the outcome. They are ready to die for what they believe.

They know that could not sway the will of the king, and they could not lessen the intensity of the burning fiery furnace. They only knew that they could not bow down to a false god and but have their trust in God.

Daniel 3:18 O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Yes! They 3:21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

They have no hurt; because God was with them.

## Summary

Satan's strategy began rather innocently by introducing and encouraging doubt.

He then manipulate your thought using your canal senses

He paints the situation simple, harmless and sinless

He let your natural desires lure you into his den.

Brethren when we are faithful and don't allow Satan to lure us into his kingdom the promises of God in our life shall be manifested.

Satan can cause you to think in the way he wants but he cannot make you to do things he wants.

May God be with you and guide you.

May he set His angels to watch over you so you don't fall a victim of the spirit of compromise in Jesus name.

God bless you.