

# Up From Slavery

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UNAWARE?  
THE TEMPTATION TO COMPROMISE  
Exodus 8 -10

## Background

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. . . <sup>11</sup> *in order that Satan might not outwit us.* For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:11

# Compromise

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Giving up a little of what you know to be right in hopes of gaining something that you hope will satisfy.

Coming from the left – antinomianism

Coming from the right - legalism

Is this really all that important?

<sup>14</sup> “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Revelation 3:14–18

## Preliminary Considerations

- Is all compromise wrong?

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters.”

Romans 14:1

“So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves.

Romans 12:22

## Preliminary Considerations

- **Compromise with truth must be rejected:**

<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup> which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! <sup>9</sup> As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Galatians 1:6–10

## Preliminary Considerations

- Compromise regarding basic morality must be rejected:

“Having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

2 Timothy 3:5

“Hand this man over to Satan.”

1 Cor. 5:5

## Preliminary Considerations

- Compromise regarding priorities must be rejected:

“The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31

## 1 Acculturation

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<sup>25</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land.”

<sup>26</sup> But Moses said, “That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us? <sup>27</sup> We must take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, as he commands us.”

## NT Principle

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<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:13–19

<sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

1 John 1:6

## To Go . . .

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- Why is the allure of the world so powerful?
- Do you really want to avoid compromise?
- What is required if we are to be “in the world but not of the world?”