

Up From Slavery

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UNAWARE?
THE TEMPTATION TO COMPROMISE
Exodus 8 -10

Background

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

2 Corinthians 2:11

Compromise

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

Accepting something that you know to be wrong because you don't believe that God means what he says.

Is this really all that important?

2 Tentative Separation

²⁸ Pharaoh said, “I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me.”

Exodus 8:28

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:4–6

World

Word



Self

Christ



Satan

Christ



Satan

Christ



SatanChrist

Evangelical

1. The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
2. It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
3. Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
4. Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation.

3 Your Family

⁸ Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “Go, worship the LORD your God,” he said. “But just who will be going?”

⁹ Moses answered, “We will go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the LORD.”

3 Your Family

¹⁰ Pharaoh said, “The LORD be with you—if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil. ¹¹ No! Have only the men go; and worship the LORD, since that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.

Exodus 10:8-10

Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Training Up God Followers

- Teach
- Model
- Pray
- Be transparent
- Rely on the promises
 - Guarantees
 - General Principles

4 Possessions

²⁴ Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind.”

²⁵ But Moses said, “You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God. ²⁶ Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of

4 Possessions

them in worshiping the LORD our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the LORD.”

Exodus 10:24-26

¹³ “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

Luke 16:13–14

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.

This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6–10

To Go . . .

- Why is compromise attractive?
- What does Peter mean when he says, “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord”? (1 Peter 3:15)
- What keeps us from trusting God to give us all that is really needed for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)?