Pharaoh's Offers Of Compromise  
Exodus 8:25-32

Introduction:
A. Pharaoh offers some subtle compromises to Moses.
1. He wanted to hold Israel, yet lighten the plagues.
2. He is typical of Satan and His efforts to hold us in bondage to sin.
B. Pharaoh offered four compromises that Satan offers to people today.

Discussion:
I. “Go, Sacrifice To Your God In The Land.” (Ex. 8:25)
A. This offer had a snag in it — “in the land.”
B. This offer created an impossible situation. (Ex. 8:26-27).
1. Israel's sacrifices an abomination to Egyptians.
   a. Jupiter adorned under a ram.
   b. Apollo adorned under a cow.
   c. Bacchus adorned under a goat.
   d. Juno adorned under a heifer.
2. Egypt's sacrifices an abomination to Israel.
C. This offer made by Satan today — Worship, but in a denomination.
   1. “One church is a good as another.”
   2. Denominational worship displeases God — Scriptural worship displeases denominations.

II. “Only You Shall Not Go Very Far Away.” (Ex. 8:28)
A. This offer would keep them in reach, far from Canaan.
B. This offer offered Christians by Satan — “If must be Christian, do not go far.”
   1. “Attend, but do not attend all the services”. (Heb. 10:25).
   2. “Attend all the services and worship, but remain passive on other matters effecting the church.
   3. “Go, but do not make a clean break with world”.
      a. Cf. Jas. 1:27; Matt. 6:24; 2 Thess. 5:22; 1 Jno. 2:15,16.
      b. “See how close to border you can live”.
   4. “Preach and support the truth, but not all the truth”.
      a. Avoid confrontation with sin and error — especially within the church.
      b. Be content to believe the truth — but let others defend it alone. (2 Tim. 4:14-17)
      c. Only the positive side of the gospel, never the negative or vise versa.
         (1) “Goodness & Severity” of God. (Rom. 11:22)
         (2) “Rebuke” & “Exhort” (2 Tim. 4:2).

III. “Let The Men Go” (Ex. 10:7-11)
A. This offer would have left hearts behind — would be back.
B. This offer repeated by Satan today.
   1. “Worship but leave children at home — to much trouble.” (Eph. 6:4; Ps. 22:6)
   2. “Serve God, but leave your affections behind.”

IV. “Let Your Flocks And Your Herds Be Kept Back.” (Ex. 10:24)
A. This offer would have weakened Israel's chances of reaching Canaan.
B. This offer repeated by Satan today. — “Serve but leave possessions behind”.
   1. Those who first give themselves to Lord also give possessions. (2 Cor. 8:5).
   2. When commit to the Lord, we commit with all that we have.

Conclusion:
A. Moses’s final answer: “Not one hoof shall be left behind.” (Ex. 10:26).
B. Our final answer must be: “Not one point shall we compromise.”