

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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THE DANGER OF THE COMPROMISED LIFE

Exodus 5

In the spiritual battle, there are two sides. On one side is a God who loves you and wants the best for you. On the other side is a devil who hates you and wants to destroy you.

Satan knows that the only way he can defeat you is to draw you out of God's protection through compromise. Pharaoh's confrontations with Moses and Aaron are a picture of Satan's strategies, and the importance of staying strong.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Satan will put obstacles in your path (Exodus 5).** Instead of agreement, Moses found opposition in the form of an increased workload for the Israelites. It also led to complaints and opposition from the Israelites. When you are serving God, you will run into opposition, even criticism from your own.
2. **Satan will try to get you to stay close (Exodus 8:25).** Pharaoh wanted to keep the Israelites close to him. Satan wants you to think it's ok to live in both worlds, serving God but doing your old things too. Scripture tells us not to give sin a foothold in our lives (Ephesians 4:27), and that you can't live in both worlds (1 Corinthians 10:21).
3. **Satan will try to get you unequally yoked (Exodus 8:28).** Pharaoh tried to curry favor by asking Moses to pray for him. Being unequally yoked isn't just about male-female relationships, but any relationship where the non-believer is dragging you down morally. We need to have relationships with non-Christians, but we need to be salt and light, not getting pulled back to our old sinful ways.
3. **Satan will try to get you to leave something behind (Exodus 10:8-11, 24).** Pharaoh's last two offers involved leaving behind the women and children, or the flocks and herds. But either offer would have left ties to Egypt, something Moses rejected (Exodus 10:26). There is no room for any concession to the world's ways.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

When God said He would harden Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 7:1-5), He wasn't making Pharaoh do something he didn't want to do, just reconfirmed what he had already decided in his heart. As the plagues showed that Egypt's gods were no match for the living God, Pharaoh just hardened his heart further. The more people resist God's truth, the tougher it is to reach them, and the more responsible they are for not responding to the truth.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

There's a difference between the occasional slip-up and a pattern of sin. Satan wants you to think you can never shake your old ways, so he can keep you close. Don't let him have control of your life. Give Jesus the steering wheel. Turn your back on Satan for good.