

The Idolatry of Compromise

Revelation 2:12-17

Getting Started

- ❖ In the sermon Jerry spoke about the temptation to compromise when carrying out Mission statement “Bringing Gospel Restoration to People’s Deepest Needs and to our Broken World.”
 - Brainstorm and share the types of situations where you have faced this temptation.
 - What part of the gospel do you find most difficult to communicate and, therefore, most tempted to compromise on?
- ❖ Who are 3 people you would like to see restored by the gospel? If possible, share one or two with your group and pray for them. Let’s make this a regular part of our group prayer time--- to pray for the people in our city we want Jesus to redeem and restore.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Revelation 2:12-17.** What truths and applications from offer you hope for change? How do you think you might respond if you were put in a situation where you were persecuted for your faith? What’s the “secret” to remaining faithful?
- ❖ **Read 1 John 2:15-17.** What does this passage say about the Pergamos-like tendencies in the modern-day church? What are tangible examples of “loving the world” in your own life which you have in the past or currently struggle with? What worldly attitudes or actions do you find yourself struggling with the most?

Think About It

Some thoughts from A.W. Tozer on compromise:

Compromise will take the pressure off. Satan will not bother a man who has quit fighting. But the cost of quitting will be a life of peaceful stagnation. We sons of eternity just cannot afford such a thing. (That Incredible Christian)

We are sent to bless the world, but never are we told to compromise with it. (The Next Chapter After the Last)

Cultivate the acquaintance of God more than the friendship of men and we will always have abundance of bread to give to the hungry. Our first responsibility is not to the public but to God and our own souls. (God Tells the Man Who Cares)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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WORSHIP SONGS

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

**Words & Music by James McDonald, Jason Ingram,
Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, 2012**

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in your name,
Calling out to you. Your glory like a fire awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here; you're the reason we're singing.

Open up the heavens, we want to see you.

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river

flowing from your heart, filling every part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Words by Joachim Neander, 1680 | German Melody, 1665

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul,
praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shel-
ters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not
seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder
anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath
life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen
sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

YOUR GREAT NAME

Words and Music Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff, 2008

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame at the sound of your great name.
Every fear has no place at the sound of your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of your great name.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us;

The Son of God and man you are high and lifted up;

And all the world will praise your great name, your great name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of your great name.
The fatherless find their rest at the sound of your great name.
Sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of your great name.

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty.
Defender, my Savior, you are my King.

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, 2008

I once was lost in darkest night, yet I thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hellbound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
and let my song forever be my only boast is You.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 117; Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6; Rev. 14:1-13; Matt. 5:13-20

MONDAY | Ps. 5; Job 32:1-10; Acts 13:44-52; John 10:19-30

TUESDAY | Ps. 102; Job 29:1-20; Acts 14:1-18; John 10:31-42

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 89; Job 30:1-31; Acts 14:19-28; John 11:1-16

THURSDAY | Ps. 62; Job 31:1-23; Acts 15:1-11; John 11:17-29

FRIDAY | Ps. 65; Job 31:24-40; Acts 15:12-21; John 11:30-44

SATURDAY | Ps. 98; Job 38:1-17; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Redeeming God,
whose love streams like fresh water
into the deserts of our hearts,
you turn us from greed and partiality
to healing and justice.

Make us companions of those
who long for your deliverance,
and give us safe passage at the last
into the land of your shalom. Amen.



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