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Observations and Lessons from the book of Judges

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🎬 Definition

- 🎬 **a:** Settlement of differences by arbitration or by consent reached by mutual concessions.
- 🎬 **b:** Something intermediate between or blending qualities of two different things

🎬 Application

- 🎬 In the book of Judges, compromise was *a blending of man's will and God's will, which involved concessions on both sides*

Compromise

⊗ Danger

- ⊗ Our will should never be blended with God's will – Instead, our will should be molded to God's will
- ⊗ Two different things blended together will always dilute purity
- ⊗ It is unreasonable for God to make concessions concerning His will
(Rom.12:1)
- ⊗ Partial obedience is complete disobedience (1Sam.15)
- ⊗ Compromise corrupted and crippled the Israelite nation (Psa.106:34-46)

How Did They Compromise?

- ⊗ Refused to completely drive out foreign nations
 - They drove out most of them, but not completely
- ⊗ Refused to destroy false religion (Ex.34:13-16)
 - They didn't worship the idols, but didn't destroy them
- ⊗ Lived among foreign nations (Ex.23:33)
 - Not as equals but they did live among them
- ⊗ Made covenant with foreign nations (Ex.23:32)
 - Israel was the dominant party but still a covenant

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Spiritual Israel

- ❁ Refuse to completely drive out sin (1Cor.5:6-7)
- ❁ Refuse to destroy false religion (2Cor.10:3-5)
- ❁ Fellowship with sin and error (2Jn.1:9-11)
- ❁ Making a treaty with God's enemies (Jas.4:4)

Why Did They Compromise?

- ⊙ They Lacked Persistence (Judges 1:19, 27, 34)
 - They drew back when they had the ability
- ⊙ Believed They Had It Under Control (Jud.1:28)
 - They could keep them in check – no temptation
- ⊙ Believed Their Way Was Better (Judges21:25)
 - Why waste all this labor that could be used for God?

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Spiritual Israel

- ⊗ We Lack Persistence (1Cor.15:57-58)
- ⊗ Think We Have It Under Control (1Cor.5:6)
- ⊗ Think That Our Way Is Better (Prov.4:12)

The Results of Compromise

- 🎬 Corruption of Standard (Judges 21:25)
 - Everyone did what was right in his own eyes
- 🎬 Corruption of Worship (Judges 2:11-13, 17, 19)
 - They forsook the Lord and served Baal...
- 🎬 Corruption of Marriage (Judges 3:6)
 - They took their daughters to be their wives...
- 🎬 Corruption of God's People (Judges 19)
 - Gibeah's crime

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