

PHARAOH PHILOSOPHY

VARIOUS

Text: Exodus 8:25, 28; 10:8-10, 10:24-27

Introduction:

I believe that we are living in a day where many “Christians” have chosen instead of traveling the high road a path of mediocrity. We are content with the lesser blessings of God. Much of what goes on today in the guise of religion is nothing more than fleshly efforts, trying to appease people and be politically correct. Preaching has been replaced with productions, power from on high by promotion, passion for souls by pleasure. Few remain today that cause the Devil to shutter.

I often refer to this as the Pharaoh Philosophy of vague Christianity. This philosophy of vague Christianity results in anemic Christians, who become powerless to impact their family, friends, neighbors, and communities for Christ while millions sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The story of the children of Israel’s deliverance is the setting for Pharaoh’s Philosophy. In facing Pharaoh, Moses was offered four different compromises.

After Moses had requested five times for the children of Israel's release, and God had performed six miracles, and the four judgments had come to pass Pharaoh called for Moses and offered them the first compromise.

Notice with me as we Examine this Philosophy, see this Philosophy emulated, and This Philosophy's effects.

1. PHILOSOPHY EXAMINED

A. Compromise Number 1 "Go but Don't Go" (8:25)

(Exo 8:25 KJV) And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

1. Pharaoh will allow the people to go and worship God.
2. He insists, however, that they do so in Egypt.
 - Egypt is a type of the world.
 - Worship in the world with the ways of the world.
3. Believers are called to a different life.

- Jesus was not of this world (John 15:18-20)

(John 15:18-20 KJV) If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. {19} If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. {20}

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

- We are not to be of this world (John 17:14-17)

(John 17:14-17 KJV) I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. {15} I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. {16} They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. {17} Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

B. Compromise Number 2 “Go, But Don’t Go Very Far” (8:28)

(Exo 8:28 KJV) And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me.

- Pharaoh lengthens the chain.
- You've heard it said before "Don't go off the deep end," "Don't carry religion too far"

C. Compromise Number 3 "Go But Leave Your Family Here" (10:8-10)

(Exo 10:8-10 KJV) And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? {9} And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD. {10} And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

1. Satan wants our families.
2. Our families ought to serve God with us. (Josh 24:15)

(Josh 24:15 KJV) And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

D. Compromise Number 4 “Go but leave your Possessions” (10:24-27)

(Exo 10:24-27 KJV) And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. {25} And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. {26} Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither. {27} But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

1. “Let your flocks and your herds be stayed”

2. We’ve all been offered this compromise.

- Satan doesn’t want God to have our possessions.

2. PHILOSOPHY EMULATED

The children of Israel began to emulate this philosophy on the journey to the promise land.

A. Some desired to return back to Egypt.

(Num 14:2-4) "And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! {3} And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? {4} And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt."

(Num 14:12) "I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they."

B. Some decided to remain on the east side of Jordan. (Not fully consecrated)

Read Numbers 32:1-23

C. Many used their possessions for selfishness instead of for the Saviour.

(Exo 32:1-4) "And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. {2} And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden

earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. {3} And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. {4} And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

3. PHILOSOPHY'S EFFECT

A. Many died in the wilderness.

(Num 26:65) "For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun."

B. Many had to labor much more than they would have if they had just crossed over Jordan.

C. Many began with less than they could have if only they had not use their possessions for others gods.

Close:

1. Compromise keeps us in bondage.
2. Consecration allows no compromises.
3. Allow Christ to be Lord of all in your life