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Compromise

an agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions

weaken (a reputation or principle) by accepting standards that are lower than is desirable

an amicable agreement between parties in controversy

A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted.

Unknown

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There are 3 outcomes to controversy:

Win – Win

Each party wins

Win – Lose

One party wins, one party loses

Lose – Lose

Neither party wins

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What did God want?

Genesis 4 : 1 – 5

God wanted a sacrifice by faith from Cain

“By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain...” Hebrews 11 : 4

What compromise did Cain offer God?

Accept the offering I offered

“...And Cain was very angry...”

Would this compromise cause a win/win?

No – God does not accept less than what is holy and acceptable

Romans 12 : 1 – 2

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What did God want?

II Kings 5 : 8 – 10

God wanted Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan.

What compromise did Naaman want?

“Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” (12)

Would this compromise cause a win/win?

No – Naaman would have the “upper hand” on God, to demand how he should be cleansed.

Leviticus 10 : 1 – 3

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What does God want?

Matthew 25 : 1 – 13

God wants us to be prepared when He returns.

“Watch therefore...”

What compromise causes a win/win?

Could God give the foolish virgins a pass?

No – this only brings about a win/Lose.

Psalm 7 : 11

Isaiah 45 : 21

‘tsaddiyq’ (h) - lawful

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What does God want?

II Peter 3 : 9

God wants all to come to Him, none to perish.

How does one come to Him?

Romans 10 : 14

“...hear...”

John 8 : 24

“...believe that I am He...”

Matthew 10 : 32

“...confess Me before men...”

Acts 2 : 38 – 41

“...Repent....Baptized...”

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Can we come to God another way?

“I am the way the truth the life...” John 14 : 6

What compromise are we willing to offer up to God?

Baptism – ‘baptisma’ - immersion, submersion

‘baptizo’ – submerge (of vessels sunk)

Faith only – James 2 : 14, 18, 22, 26

Find one conversion in Acts where belief was enough

Which of these compromises provide a win/win?

None