

No Compromise

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[0:00] No compromise. Isaiah 5. What we need today, what we need today, we're in the midst of a carnal, compromising, politically correct generation. A world that perverts what is good and calls darkness light and light darkness.

Marriage itself is getting so perverted by the state. It's not marriage anymore. The rainbow is a sign of God's hope and God's grace.

And yet man has made it a sign of pride in what God calls abomination. Isaiah 5. Woe unto them, verse 20. Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil. That put darkness for light and light for darkness. That put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

The signs are all around us and evident even in the church where we see an effeminate and worldly Christianity that is leading many on a dangerous path.

And that's why something has gone missing in the process. The glory of God has departed. And it's been replaced with a cheap, faulty substitute. It's like some of the commodities we buy down the shop. You just get the cheap version now. It's a cheap version of Christianity that's popular today.

[1:40] As a church worldwide. We've lost something. We've lost the consciousness of God. We've lost the awareness of God. The awe of God. I cannot hold back. I must tell you the truth this morning. No compromise. No compromise. It's not about experiences.

It's not a word of knowledge that we need. It's a knowledge of the word that we need. It's the word of God. Something has been lost and it must be regained. We're in a crisis of counterfeits today.

Counterfeit religion. Counterfeit revivals. Counterfeit gifts.

There is a desperate need. A desperate need in the church of God today. In the world in which we live. I put it to you. What we need today. My message is about what the world needs today.

Firstly, we need men. We need men. Exodus 18 verse 21. Jethro was talking to Moses and he advised Moses to search out able men. Able men.

Exodus 18 verse 21. It says, moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as feared God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and placed such over them to be rulers.

[2:58] Jethro exhorted Moses to choose men to carry the load. Able men, such as feared God, men of truth. Paul says likewise. 1 Corinthians 16 verse 13. Watch ye stand fast in the faith. Quit you like men. Be strong.

Now, quit you like men. Men's act like men. Act like men. Or equip yourselves like men. Is the sense of it. Act like men. We need men. Men who will act like men. Not like women. We need men today. We need men to rise up.

Who will rise up for me against the evildoers. Men who will stand strong. Men who will be fathers. Men who will be husbands. Men who will be strong and fight. Men who will be valiant for the truth. As Jeremiah 9 verse 3 says.

Men like Joshua was exhorted to be. Joshua 1 verse 7. Only be thou strong and very courageous. Men who will not bend. Men who will not be bought. Men with resolve. Men with character. Men with grit and guts. Men with work ethic.

We need men today in Australia. We need men in this land today. We need men in this church today. Men like David. Men like David of whom God said, despite all his faults. Acts 13 verse 22.

[4:18] I have found David. I have found David the son of Jesse. A man after my known heart. Which shall fulfill all my will. David was a man after the heart of God. We need men today. Men like Job. Men like Job who said in all his sufferings. Though he slay me. Yet will I trust in him.

Job 13 verse 15. We need powerful men. Men who are spirit filled. 2 Timothy 1 verse 7. For God hath not given to us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

A powerful people. Powerful men. Men who will lead. Men who will lead. Who will lovingly lead. Men who will set the example. Men who will bring their families to church.

Men who will be the spiritual leaders of their homes. Men who will marry and be faithful to the woman they love. Men like Noah. In Genesis 6 verse 8. God looked on Noah with grace.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Men like Isaiah. Who obeyed God's call. In Isaiah 6 verse 8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying.

[5:31] Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? Then said I. Here am I. Send me. Send me. Men like Isaiah. Men who will stand fast in the faith.

Men who will not swear. Men who will not be overcome by drink or fleshly lusts. Men who will not dress like women. Men like Daniel. Who prayed on despite the threat of a den of lions.

We need men today. Men today. Men. Men. Men. Men. Faithful men. Faithful men. 2 Timothy 2 verse 2. Paul said the things thou hast heard of me. Commit thou to faithful men.

To faithful men. Who shall be able to teach others also. We need men today. Men who will not compromise. Men who will fight. Men who will stand fast.

Men who will not budge. Real men. Real men. Men such as the heroes of the Bible. And the reformers and revivalists of old. And I'm not talking about some imagined superheroes of Hollywood.

[6:37] Or some vain worldly heroes of sports or track or field. Whose only glory is in some mere human achievement or fame. Not such men as attract the vain anti-human applause.

Or the acclaim of the worldlings. We need men. Men. Real men. Men of God. Men made of different stuff.

Men who will not compromise. This is our great need today. Able men. Men that fear God. Men of truth. And secondly.

We need women. We need women that fear God. Women. Proverbs 31 women. Proverbs 31 verse 30. It says. It says. Favor is deceitful.

And beauty is vain. But a woman that feareth the Lord. She shall be praised. The woman that fears the Lord. She shall be praised.

[7:40] Proverbs 31 recounts the qualities of such a woman. It sounds like a description of my wife. Proverbs 31. Proverbs 31. It's not out of date.

Proverbs 31. Proverbs 31. Proverbs 31. It's still current. Amen. It's still present day. It's not out of date. It speaks to us today. Proverbs 31 verse 10.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. We need women. Proverbs 31 women. Virtuous women.

Virtuous women. Faithful women. We need women. Women who will be keepers at home.

Homemakers. Women who will love their husbands and their children.

Women like Hannah. A virtuous woman. A woman of powerful prayer and of faithfulness. Who dedicated her dear son Samuel to God's service. We need women today.

[8:39] Women with godly convictions. Women like Esther. Who saved an entire nation by her courage. Women who will stand true.

Unlike Lot's wife. Lot's wife. Don't even know her name. Who turned back and was overcome by the power of the world.

Don't be like Lot's wife women. Here this morning. Don't be overcome by the power of the world.

We need women. Like Jochebed.

Jochebed the mother of Moses. One thing stands out about her. Her trust in God. Proverbs 31 verse 25. With the woman. It says strength and honour are her clothing.

Strength and honour are her clothing. You know there's a dress standard. There's a dress standard. Strength and honour are her clothing.

[9:44] We need women who dress like women. Women who dress modestly. They don't expose their flesh. Women who dress modestly. Like the Bible says to dress.

Women with strength and honour as their clothing. Women like Mary. Women like Mary who obeyed the word of God. Luke 1 verse 38. She says behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word. Women who cared about the word of God. And acted on it.

Women like Deborah. Who was used of God to bring great victory.

For God's people. Women like Dorcas. Who was called a disciple. She was a woman full of good works. Who used her gifts to bless others. Because of her faith in the Lord.

We need women today. Women like Sarah. A woman of great faith. Who trusted God despite her circumstances. Women like Rahab.

[10:46] Despite everything that was against her. Rahab. Listed in the heroes of the faith. The lowest of the low. An outcast.

Yet God saved her by his mercy and grace. God saved Rahab. And she was faithful to the word of God. And an example of courage and faith.

Rahab. A woman of God. We need women today. Women who will teach their children the things of God. Women who will want to fellowship and grow in the faith.

Women who fear the Lord. Women who will be faithful. Women who will be subject to their husbands. Women who will be gracious. Women who will be sweet, not bitter.

Women who will be self-controlled and kind. Women who will reverence their husbands. Women who will be ladylike. Women who fear God.

[11:44] We need men and we need women. And thirdly, we need churches. We need churches. In this time of a falling away. In this time of falsehood.

We need churches. Churches that are rock solid. Churches that will not fall or falter. But will stand strong. And steadfast.

We need churches. Churches that fear God. Acts 9.31. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria. And were edified and walking in the fear of the Lord.

And in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied. Walking in the fear of the Lord. We need churches today. Churches today. I wish there was more churches today.

Real churches. In a world that is entertainment driven. We need churches that care about the truth.

[12:43] They are driven by the truth. We need churches that care about the authority of God's word. We must be faithful to the Bible. We make no apology for strong preaching.

Better I offend you than I offend God. In days where everything is being redefined today. We must distinguish between truth and error. We cannot have it both ways.

Darkness and light. There is nothing in between. It is one or the other. And in days where everything is being redefined. We need to distinguish truth from error. And it is God who defines such things.

The knowledge of the Holy is understanding. Proverbs 9.10. It says. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. It's where it starts. And the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.

We must declare and point people to the knowledge of the Holy. A preacher Ravenhill once said this. I'm embarrassed to be a part of the so-called Church of Jesus Christ today.

[13:47] Because I believe it's an embarrassment to a holy God. An embarrassment to a holy God. God says that to be in friendship with this world makes us the enemy of God.

We cannot linger in the fellowship of the world. The sin in the camp. And we cannot keep hiding it. As in Achan's day. In Joshua chapter 7.

Achan's compromise. He thought he could have it both ways. He thought he could have a little bit of the world hidden away. His own little pet things that he wanted to hang on to.

That God sent to destroy. The accursed thing. He had a love for the accursed thing. With dreadful consequences. He tried to hide the items that God told him to destroy.

And he was destroyed along with them. Compromise must be exposed and destroyed. Removed. We dare not trifle in these times with the things of God.

[14:56] We must not trifle. We must hold fast. That which is good. How do we need? Churches today. Churches that will stand fast.

We're not talking about physical buildings. We're talking about bodies of people. Assemblies of God's people. Assemblies of God's people. How do we need a refreshed sense of the presence of God?

A sense of God. A holy fear of God. We need churches. Churches that are built on the rock. Not churches that are full of rock.

But churches that are built on the rock. Matthew 16, 18. Jesus says, Thou art Peter upon this rock. It was his confession of faith in Christ.

Upon this rock I will build my church. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Churches everywhere, it seems these days, have abandoned strong preaching.

[15:54] They would rather have some pleasant, humanistic, self-help message. You can get that from a Dale Carnegie course or such things. You can tune into all kinds of worldly messages that might be helpful in lots of ways.

But friends, we need strong preaching today. We need the preaching of the living word of God. We need God's truth. Not some soft, soothing, flesh-pleasing stories. Or a recounting of some extra-biblical revelations.

Or some supposed supernatural experiences. Instead, we need the more sure word of prophecy. This is what we need. We must have the truth and have it declared with both barrels blazing.

This is not a time to be mealy-mouthed and pussy-footing around. We need a renewed boldness, a renewed passion and a renewed faithfulness. We need to speak as the old church, as the church of old, where they spoke the word of God with boldness.

We need to expose religious error in all its fashions and fleshliness. Friends, we need men. We need women. We need churches. We need churches. We need churches with great power and great grace.

[17:08] As in Acts 4.33. And in Acts 5.5 it says they also had great fear. The context there is after someone was slain by the Spirit.

Yes, it's scriptural. Yes, it's scriptural. God slays, or in other words, kills people by the Holy Spirit. Acts 5.5.

I believe in slain by the Spirit. We've lost scriptural authority these days because the church has been overtaken by smooth talkers. Just like happened in Isaiah's day.

Isaiah 30.10. We say to the seer, see not, and to the prophets prophesying not unto us right things. Speak unto us smooth things. Prophecy to saints.

People want smooth things. You know, it's easier to swallow something that's smooth. But we need to be churches that hold fast that which is true.

[18:08] Churches that receive the Word of God. Churches that are steadfast in good doctrine and good fellowship. In Acts 2. It says they gladly received His Word. They were baptised.

And the same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. And in breaking of bread and in prayers.

We need churches today. Churches with doctrinal integrity. Churches that will know and defend the truth. Will contend for it. Contend for it.

Hand-to-hand combat. Churches that will be strong. Churches that will not accommodate the world. Churches that will preach the whole counsel of God. Churches that believe the book.

They believe the book. Amen. Shouldn't we believe the book? Paul preached till midnight. There was no praise band to draw the people that night.

[19:04] It was the Word of God that drew the people and held the people. Although one of them fell asleep. But God moved on the people. Amen. Because the Word was preached. We need churches today.

Churches with fervency. Fervency of love. Of faith. Of spiritual life. Churches today that hold fast against the tide of compromise. Churches that reject steeples, drums and rock bands.

Churches that will not march to the drum beat of this world. Churches that will study the Bible. The Bible that we can trust with full assurance.

Churches that stand fast for sound doctrine. And God's preserved Word. Churches that believe the authoritative, inspired Word of God.

We need churches today. People who have been with Jesus. People who love the truth. We need churches like an orchestra where every part plays its part.

[20:06] Where the object is to edify and build each other up. That's in Ephesians 4 verse 16. It says, The whole body fitly joined together. Compacted by which every joint supplied according to the effectual working in the measure of every part.

Every part. Make an increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. That's what we need, isn't it? An edifying of the body. Building up one another.

We need churches. Churches that are Christ-centered. Churches that will stand fast for the old paths. The truth. We need churches that reach out. We must break out of the four walls. And reach our world. With the gospel of the good news. Compromise has consumed the church. In many quarters, it seems these days.

And there is a crying need for biblical correction. Biblical correction. Some will say we lack love when we speak like this. But it is true love-based preaching that we need.

[21:12] Love-based preaching. Love-based teaching will preach the truth. Love-based preaching will preach and teach the truth. And we want to be a church that loves people enough to tell them the truth.

Nowadays, preachers preach to make the people feel good. Preachers want people to feel good. And they want someone to come and pat them on the back after the end of it.

And inflate their egos. But John the Baptist preached differently. Matthew 3 verse 10. He was a Baptist. John the Baptist. He preached differently. Matthew 3 verse 10.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

It wasn't a feel good message, was it? We need churches today that will not hold back from declaring the truth.

[22:21] Friends, no matter how unpopular it is, I must tell you the truth. And some of you are going to get annoyed with me. Some of the following may make some of you uncomfortable.

So it's just some instructions at this point. If you don't want to feel uncomfortable, insert your fingers in your ears at this point. And start chanting, la la la la la la la la.

Okay? We need churches today. We need churches today. Churches that will not compromise. Churches that will stand against compromises. The compromises of Billy Graham and Franklin Graham.

Churches that will not fall for the false prophets and false apostles of today. People like Benny Hinn. And Joyce Myers. And Kenneth Copeland. And so on and on and on.

We need churches today. Churches that will warn people about false Bibles. Yes, there are false Bibles today. The devil wants to pervert the very words of God.

[23:23] I have no doubt about this. We must sound the warning. We need churches today. Churches that will reject the lie of Pentecostalism. And other false doctrines and false revivals.

And everything that goes along with it. The false tongues movement of today. It is wrong. It is wrong. It has been wrong ever since it began. Ever since the false revival of Azusa Street.

It is the work of seducing spirits. Men of God of that time described Azusa Street as a madhouse of disgusting delusions and insanities.

Fits and spasms the last vomit of Satan. A collection of hypocrites and evil. A collection of hypocrites and jugglers and necromancers and enchanters and magicians. More characteristic of demon possession than a work of the Holy Spirit.

It is a strong delusion. It is a strong delusion. After the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And it must be totally rejected. Totally rejected.

[24:25] The whole charismatic mess. And the gibberish that people call tongues today is unbiblical and is a lie of Satan. What is called tongues today is not the biblical tongues and must be rejected and withstood.

We need churches that will speak against error and compromise in all its forms. And I can instruct those who might question what I've just said. I can give you a personal Bible study on these matters.

We need churches that will speak against error and compromise in all its forms. We need churches. Churches that will not cozy up with the false ecumenical movement in all its garbs and guises.

We cannot have unity with error. 1 Thessalonians 5.22 it says abstain from all appearance of evil. We need churches today. We need churches.

We need preachers today. We need churches with a unity that's based on the truth and a zeal for the truth. We need to speak the things which are caught with sound doctrine. We need churches today.

[25:28] Churches of people who will pray together. Churches with brotherly love. Some will say they'll try and argue a case for compromise. They will say, oh preacher, you're getting a bit hard.

You're getting a bit legalistic. You're getting a bit harsh. And they try to argue a case against compromise, for compromise. But it cannot hold water.

It cannot hold water in the blazing searchlight of God's word. Some will say, well it feels good. It feels good. It's nice when all kinds of churches, when all kinds of Christians get together.

And they can sit around the campfire and hold hands and sing kumbaya. But compromise will not wash with God. Compromise will not wash with God.

A sincere heart is no excuse for disobeying the word of God. David was such a one. David was the one who had a sincere heart when he was moving the Ark of the Covenant.

[26:26] But he was doing it the wrong way. And God killed a man for it. Because it wasn't God's way. It was man's way. Moses had 40 years of faithful service as Israel's leader.

But God kept him from the land of Canaan for simply striking a rock for water instead of speaking to it. He struck the rock instead of speaking to it. He disobeyed the word of God.

And God held him back from the promised land. We dare not compromise today. Brothers, sisters, we dare not. We dare not trifle with the things of God.

Rather, we must conform to the word of God. As a church, we choose to esteem every precept of God and hate every false way. Psalm 119, 128.

I hate ecumenism. I hate charismatic garbage. I hate the false prophets and the false apostles of today and what they stand for. I hate every false way.

[27:27] I hate the false Bibles. I hate the false prophets. I hate the false revivals of today. But I esteem every precept of God. Truth is not a matter for debate or discussion or dialogue.

This is the truth in black and white and red. God has revealed truth. And every thought must be conformed to it. We need to be conformed to God's faithful word that he has given us.

We need churches today. Churches with strong preaching. Churches that will preach against sin and for righteousness. We need churches that know the fear of God.

Friends, it troubles me. I tremble giving this. But I know I must speak it because I must tell you the truth. Churches with irreverent worship and rejoicing.

Churches filled with praying people. Churches that believe in preaching the truth in days of apostasy. In desperate days we need the truth. In these days of famine we need manna from God.

[28:30] When manna dying all around us we need to give them the bread of life. Not some crusty, mouldy morsel. But the living bread.

Amos 8, 11 it says, God will send a famine, not of bread or thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. We need churches today that will hear the word of the Lord.

Churches that will not sing along with the happy, clappy compromise of Hillsong and such like. The glory has departed. I've heard troubling stories of churches like ours that are going right off track.

It's a sad, sad state of affairs. The glory has departed and it's been replaced by the vain glory of men. The holy place has become a nightclub. A disco, a rock concert, a mosh pit.

We need churches today. Churches that will stand fast. Churches where the people hunger and thirst after righteousness. Churches where people want to fellowship. They want to be there whenever they can.

[29:37] We need churches. Churches that are healthy churches. Churches, scriptural churches. Godly churches. Soul winning churches. Churches that care about souls. There's a desperate need today.

I'm telling you plainly because time is short. There's a desperate time. This is the last hour. These are desperate days. We must not compromise. Friends, to wrap it up.

There's a desperate need today. A need for men. We need men. Men. Men who will not compromise. Men who are governed by the Holy Spirit instead of controlled by self.

Men who will pray through. We need women. Women who will not compromise. Virtuous women.

Virtuous women. Women who have modesty. Women who will stand for what is right and true and godly.

Now is the time to count the cost. To cut loose from the world. To be the church that our world needs. A church with no compromise. When all around us crumbles in chaos and compromise. [30:40] We need the truth. We need to be amongst God's kind of churches. Churches where people are born again. Churches where people can grow. Churches that speak the truth in love.

Churches that preach the gospel. Churches where people will love each other and be edified. Let us not just be a hearer but a doer. Apply the truth. Let us be a powerful force for God on the earth. And be always abounding in the work of the Lord. Let us pray. Heavenly Father we thank you that you are the God of truth. And you're looking for able men.

Men of truth. You're looking for women. Women who will stand strong and tall and straight and true. You're looking for a church. A glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

The perfect spotless bride. Lord help us to be such as belong to that assembly of your people. Lord help us to be in that assembly. In that number Lord we pray.

[31:38] We pray for each one here today. Help us to recognise where sin needs to be uncovered. and exposed and removed. Help us Lord not to hide it as Achan did.

Help us Lord to be stirred. To be stirred this morning in a good way. For your glory we pray. In Jesus name.

Amen. Amen. Amen.