Refusing To Compromise

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INTRODUCTION

- More and more we as Christians are being called upon to take a stand for our beliefs.
- If the private schools in this nation are no longer safe to practice and believe what they will how long before the churches in this nation fall under the same attack?

1 We Are Under Attack From Satan

1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Corinthians 4:3–4

- We are under attack, and make no mistake about it. That attack is coming directly from Satan.
- He is a lion, 1 Peter 5 and verse 8, prowling about seeking whom he may devour.
- That we would not be outwitted by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his designs. Brother, we have to know what he is up to.
- The God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

2 Under Attack From the World

1 Peter 4:1–4

- We are under attack from the world, his agents in this world.
- These are souls who are lost and then they are in darkness. They have been deceived, and we need to be trying to reach out to them.
- If you're living how you ought to, you're going to suffer, and that's okay.
- They are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you.

3 Under Attack From the Government Itself

- We are also under attack, I would even say from the government itself.
- Our government is supposed to be based upon freedom. But this freedom is increasingly giving way to what I would call the new gods.
- The God of equality and the God of political correctness. That is what people put above anything else now.
- We cannot afford to compromise our religious beliefs for the sake of political correctness.

4 The Light Has a Responsibility to Expose the Darkness

Ephesians 5:1–17; Matthew 5:14–16

- The light has a responsibility to expose the darkness. And we are of the light.

- We need to be telling people out there in the world what is coming upon them if they continue down this path. Not because we are hateful, but because we love their souls.
- Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
- If we spread our light better, if we expose the darkness, the darkness cannot hide behind the facades of moral relativism and political correctness.

5 God's Word Does Not Compromise

- It is not something that just can be changed with the whims of society. It is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's word does not compromise.
- If I'm going to compromise, that means I'm going to be making some concessions. I'm going to adjust something about what I believe.
- If I'm changing my beliefs, if I'm not going along with what God says, that means I am exposing myself to danger.
- What we do matters. But what we believe matters as well. What we teach to others matters as well.

6 Stand Firm With the Strength of God

1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; Ephesians 6:10–17

- Anything short of doing God's will is sin. And so compromising our beliefs is sin. Brethren, we have to stand firm.
- Be watchful, stand firm in the faith. Act like men. Be strong.
- Stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.
- The only way to stand firm is with the strength of God on our side.

THE CHALLENGE

So if you're here this morning, who is it that you are going to fear? Who is it that you're going to believe? The forces of darkness or the forces of life.

MY NOTES