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Topic: Who is a Compromiser?

Scripture text: 1 Kings 22:1-4; 2 Chronicles 18:1-3

1. God's Word must be fully obeyed and not partially. Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, was a compromiser and he sinned against God.

2. Anyone can fall into sin and compromise on God's Word if we do not guard our hearts. Jehoshaphat used to be faithful in the sight of God (2 Chronicles 17:3-6) but he fell into sin and joined affinity with Ahab the king of Israel. May we rely on God daily to lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

3. A compromiser is one who fears man more than God. Ramoth-gilead was a land given by the LORD to Israel but it was seized by Syria. Hence, Ahab successfully enticed Jehoshaphat with abundance of goods to garner his help to get back Ramoth-gilead. Jehoshaphat did not guard his heart from the attraction of material riches. Moreover, he was afraid to jeopardise his family ties with Ahab (Jehoshaphat's son married Ahab's daughter). Jehoshaphat compromised because he placed his earthly relationship with Ahab above God.

4. Let us pray for more love for God and His Word that we do not compromise on obeying Him. When we compromise, we bring damage to the name of Christ.