

Do You Compromise?

“They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.” (Amos 5:10 KJV)

The gate of each and every city in the old days was the place where the elders and the leaders of the city would sit to meet with the people and to decide in the affairs of life.

But why the gate of the city was used for that purpose, were the elders would sit and give their decision about important things of life?

The gate of the city is the place where people would leave the city to go and travel to another place for a certain purpose. So when they are approaching the gate of the city they needed to declare the reason why they are leaving. So in that place they would receive the approval to leave and go on their journey or they will be denied. Also if they are leaving they would be checked and see what are the things that they are carrying with them outside the city. Precious things that are essential and important for that particular city they might not be allowed to carry out with them.

The gate of the city is the place where people from outside they will be received and examined before they will be allowed to enter into the city. If they are carrying bad things it might be confiscated from them. Or if they are harmful people then they will be denied to enter the city.

Therefore for the importance of that place and because many activities are performed at the gate of the city, then that was the place where the judges and the elders of the city would meet there to meet the people and handle important things in their lives and to interfere and decide about certain important events in their life.

With that reason and setup, then it is mandatory for the judges and the elders of the city to follow the law of God to speak and to implement important decisions in the life of the people.

But how the people will respond to that?

They hate him that rebuketh in the gate: *Those who do wrong and are rebuked and are stopped from doing wrong and from pursuing their own will, sure they will hate those judges and elders who rebuke them. Now a day church leaders they don't want to interfere with the life of the people who are entrusted under their care, simple because they don't the people hate them or get angry with them.*

and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly: *More grieving to know that people do not like the pure person who is not corrupted with the affairs of this life. Now a day church leaders they don't want to proclaim boldly their stands and what the bible clearly speaks about the issues of life, because they don't want to*

offend the feelings of the people and their emotions.

Sin, like stealing, adultery, bribing, telling lies are grieving things. But more sinful than that sin is when the church knows about the wrong things that people under their care are doing but they keep silent, don't face them and don't declare to them the will of God. Compromises are the worst sin that greatly endanger the church now a day. Those who compromise are sin sharers with those who are committing the aforementioned sins and are encouragers to them.

Pastors, elders and the rest of the church leaders who do not rebuke the people for their sins and who do not interfere with people personal life because they want to keep the people favor, and they don't want people to dislike, they are not serving God and their ministry is harmful.

Apostle Paul said, “11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11) The church leaders their responsibilities will be complete when:

*1- Avoiding sin:
2- Reproving sinners for their sins, by exposing their sins, expounding the bad effect of these sins, and dealing with them appropriately.*

Church leaders should not be intimidated with people words and opinions. God had placed you at the gate to serve Him therefore be strong,

“10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.” (2Chronicles 19:10)

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord forgives me my compromises with these sins _____ and with the following people _____. Today I commit myself to stand firm and be bold dealing with sins and help sinners to repent and come back to you. Lord sustains me and provide for me so I can continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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The Lord

Is

My Shepherd

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