

## THE DEVIL'S FIRST METHOD OF ATTACK

*“I will let you go, and your little ones...not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire.” (Ex 10: 10-11)*

The third time Pharaoh offered Moses compromise, he said, *“Leave your little ones behind and ye that are men go.”* In the very beginning, this was the devil's first method of attack in the garden. He got Adam to turn his back on God using Adam's wife. Our dearest loved ones are often used by the devil to tempt us to depart from Christ, his gospel and his people. In fact, I cannot think of a single believer I know that has not faced this trial in some capacity. Years ago I knew someone who professed to believe the gospel of particular redemption, sovereign election, and irresistible grace. But they compromised with those who preach universal atonement and free will because their father and mother believed it. Often, when someone denies doctrine clearly taught in God's word it is because father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter denies it. But our Redeemer will not allow even those we love most to be a point of compromise. He said, *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” (Mt 10: 37)* It is painful when loved ones oppose us. But a cross always is. Still, Christ says, *“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” (Mt 10: 38)* Believer, take up the cross by standing with Christ and Christ will honor it!