**These Perilous Times**

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**“The Quicksand of Compromise”**

Quicksand: A loose, wet, deep, sand deposit in which a person or heavy object *may easily be engulfed*.” [[1]](#footnote-1)

 ***One thing that makes quicksand so deceptive is*** *the fact that* ***it looks like solid sand***, but behaves as liquid under the right circumstances. *This means you probably will not* ***SEE the QUICKSAND for what it is*** *until you actually step into it*.

Even though quicksand deaths are rare, they do happen. So, *if you see a sign warning you* about quicksand in the area, *take it seriously and stay away*!

**Familiar admonitions from Paul**

“Test ALL things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from EVERY form of evil.”

I Thessalonians 5:21, 22 NKJV

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “*The world* must not be introduced into the church and married to the church. *Through union with the world, the church will become corrupt*… The ***customs of the world*** must not have a place; *for they will open doors through which the prince of darkness will find access*, and the ***line of demarcation will become indistinguishable*** between him who serves God and him that serves him not… ***The world is the chief enemy of religion***; for Satanic forces are continually at work through the world, and *it is the object of Satan to bring the church and the world into such close fellowship that their aims, their spirit, their principles, shall harmonize, and* ***that it will be impossible to distinguish between him who professes to serve God, and him who serves him not***…” [[2]](#footnote-2)

“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” James 4:4 NKJV

**Can You tell the difference?**

“For such are ***false apostles***, ***deceitful workers***, *transforming themselves into the apostles of Chris*t. And no wonder for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness…” II Cor. 11:13-15 NKJV

“Wherefore by their fruits you shall you know them.” Matt. 7:20 KJV



1. Webster’s New World Dictionary (College ed.) 1964, p. 1103. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. E. G. White. The Advent Review And Sabbath Herald Vol. 12, No. 9, Battle Creek

 Mich., Feb. 26, 1895. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)