

## **Satan's Temptations**

### *The Lust of Cowardice in Spiritual Things*

- I.** Peter's cowardness began as a lust from Satan.
  1. Satan was personally attacking Peter (Mt. 16:21-23)
  2. Satan wanted to attack all the 12 apostles (Lu. 22:31-32).
  3. Peter was willing to die for Jesus (Lu. 22:33-38).
  4. Peter defends Jesus (Jn. 18:2-11).
  5. Peter denies Jesus three times.
    - 1) As prophesied (Mt. 26:31-34).
    - 2) The three denials (Mt. 26:69-75).
  6. Satan manipulated circumstances.
  7. 1). Lust (timidity) 2). Temptation (to lie) 3). Sin (lying)
  
- II.** Timothy was being attacked with cowardness when facing the potential of physical death.
  1. The church had turned against Paul (2 Tim. 1:15).
  2. Timothy began to "water-down" the Gospel by leaving out the resurrection (2 Tim. 1:2-8; 2:8).
  3. And Timothy seemed to neglect giving the Gospel.
  4. This attack of cowardice is why Paul tells Timothy to be like a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3-5); in other words, "Put on the armor from God to resist the devil."
  
- III.** Paul was attacked with cowardice when at Corinth (Acts 18:4-10).
  
- IV.** Cowardness in spiritual things is unrighteous and may lead to acts of sin.