

# **Fighting the Noble Wars, Part 1**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 1:18-20.
- B. Paul reminds Timothy that he needs to fight a noble war.
- C. The noble war is against Satan, demons and ungodly men.

## II. The nature of the conflict. (Ezekiel 28)

- A. Satan was an angel of God.
- B. He was so enamored with his own beauty that God threw him out of heaven.
- C. He was a glorious creature. (Isaiah 14:12, Revelation 22:16)
- D. God promises to devastate Satan.
- E. A third of the angels fell with Satan. (Job 1, Revelation 12:3)
- F. Michael will battle Satan in the future.
- G. Satan attacks the church because he hates the work of God and hates God.
- H. We expect to be at war as Christians. (2 Timothy 2)

## III. How Satan attacks the church.

- A. He blinds the minds of people and destroys Christians. (2 Corinthians 4, Luke 22:31, 1 Peter 5:8)
- B. He attacks the family. (1 Corinthians 7, 1 Timothy 3:7)
- C. He designs false religious systems. (2 Corinthians 3; 10)

## IV. How we fight.

- A. Through obedience. (2 Corinthians 10:4)
- B. Through truthfulness.

**Application Questions:**

1. What can we know about Satan from Scripture, generally speaking?

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2. What are some specific ways we can see Satan at work today? Explain.

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3. How are we to respond to the work of Satan in the world?

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