

# THE SATANIC ATTACK OF COWARDICE

*Scripture Reading:*

*Luke 22: 31-34*

*John 18: 12-27*

# INTRODUCTION

The emotion of fear can be healthy or unhealthy. I John 4:18 tells us that “fear has torment.” We can correctly fear physical dangers with the result of having a healthy respect for those dangers.



We need to have a healthy, reverential respect for God, called ‘the fear of God’

Prov 1:7 “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”

Rom 5:1 “...peace with God...” is provided when one knows Christ as their personal Savior.



The grace believer can have peace WITH God and a reverential respect FOR God at the same time.

# INTRODUCTION

- Satan uses cowardice and fear in an unhealthy way in order to attempt to paralyze the believer from fulfilling God's planned works for that believer (Eph 2:10).
  - *1 Pet 5:8 "Satan walks about as a roaring lion..."*



**THREE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NEW  
TESTAMENT THAT EXPERIENCED SATAN'S  
ATTACK OF COWARDICE:**

**PETER  
PAUL  
TIMOTHY**



# Peter Attacked by Cowardice

(Matt 16:21-23 Includes attacks of disappointment, discouragement, independence from God)

Jesus' prophecy of Satanic attack

Lk 22:31

Jesus' provision for Peter's protection

Lk 22:32

Peter's protest by personal ability

Lk 22:33

Jesus' pronouncement of Peter's denial

Lk 22:34

Cf Jn 18:15-17, 25-27

# Paul Attacked by Cowardice

Background for this attack

Stoning at Lystra - Acts 14:9

Demands at Athens - Acts 17:18-20



The result in Corinth of these previous two tribulations

Acts 18:1-5, 9,10



Paul's written record of the attack

I Cor 2:1-5

# Timothy Attacked by Cowardice

The cause  
of his  
cowardice

- II Tim 1:6-8

The cure  
for his  
cowardice

- II Tim 2:1-4
- Cf Eph 6 – the armor of God against Satanic attack

# CONCLUSION

- 1 John 4:18 (NKJV)

- *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”*