

A Battle for the truth:

❖ **The truth vs. the lie.**

- Jesus is the Truth and therefore the father of all truth (John 14:6). Everything true, everything trustworthy, everything that is true, comes from Him. And His truth produces life in us.
- On the contrary, Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). All deception, all malicious subtlety, all adulterated truth, comes from him. And their lies produce death in us.
- In his confrontations with the enemy, Jesus used the Bible as a source of all truth: “It is written” (Mt. 4:4; 21:13).
- Therefore, the devil has worked to destroy the Bible, either by hiding it or distorting it.

❖ **The compromise of the church.**

- Paul expressed his concern for the external and internal problems that must be faced in the future (Acts 20:29-30).
 - (1) Predatory wolves. From the year 64 to 311 (Serdica edict of tolerance), the Church suffered fierce persecution from the Roman Empire.
 - (2) Perverse men. Starting in the 4th century, unconverted men were introduced into the Church who mixed their paganism with the truth.
- Satan used his “internal” strategy to corrupt the truth and introduce idolatry and Sunday observance into the Church.
- As Paul prophesied, these errors were accepted, and will remain to the end among those who do not want to know the truth (2 Thes. 2:7-12). The final battle will be based on compromise with the Sabbath.

B Battle for the Word of God:

❖ **Security in the Bible.**

- The Bible is the infallible revelation of God's will. Presents the heavenly plan for the salvation of humanity.
- Therefore, our security is found only in the Bible, and in each of its books, chapters and verses (2Tim. 3:16).
- In it we find the devil's strategy; the creation; the birth, life, death, resurrection and intercession of Jesus; forgiveness of sins; the Second Coming; eternal life on the New Earth...
- If we reject part of it (for example, the Creation account of Genesis 1 and 2), we may come to reject any of the doctrines it teaches. And then... what security could we have to trust the rest of the Bible?

❖ **Human reasoning.**

- Without the help of the Holy Spirit, no human being is capable of correctly interpreting the Bible, because “he who does not have the Spirit does not accept what comes from the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness. He cannot understand it, because it must be discerned spiritually” (1Co. 2:14; 2P. 1:20).
- An example of human reasoning: the approach of higher criticism is the denial of miracles and the impossibility of predicting the future. Under this approach, what benefit can we derive from the word of God if we deny its power or its ability to know the future that awaits us?
- Without a doubt, the enemy devises paths that seem right, but their end is death (Prov. 16:25).

C Battle for the mind.

- ❖ The lack of knowledge on the part of those who are lost is not because they do not have the capacity to know. It's because they don't want to know. The devil has occupied their minds with many things that prevent them from thinking about what is truly important: their salvation.
- ❖ But no one needs to remain in this state. When the mind is in spiritual darkness, there is a light that can and wants to shine in it: Jesus (John 1:5).
- ❖ Those of us who accept this light can undo the work of the enemy, and make the light of Jesus shine through the darkness.