

BATTLE WITH APOLLYON DIGGING DEEPER

1. In several places throughout *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan references dragons. In this chapter, he mentions that Apollyon had "wings like a dragon." Although many people claim that dragons are creatures of myth, notice that the other animals that Bunyan references as real animals. Make a list of the places in this book that Bunyan uses the term "dragon."

If dragons were merely mythical creatures, why do you think Bunyan and others (for example, John of Damascus) seem to refer to them as real animals? (See also www.AnswersInGenesis.org/dragons.)

2. How did Apollyon attack Christian?

3. How did Christian respond?

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4. One of the ways that Apollyon attacks Christian is by pointing out that he is still very full of pride and “inwardly desirous of vainglory in all that thou sayest or doest.” Think for a moment about how you talk about your “journey” and of what you have experienced. Is an inward desire for praise ever your motive, or do you genuinely desire to give God the glory for how He has worked in your life? How can you change this?

5. In what ways does Apollyon attack you? List specific verses that you can meditate on when these attacks come.

6. If you haven't already, read *The Holy War*.