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To keep your armour bright
Attend with constant care,
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer.

From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day;

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

C. Wesley, 1707-88

THE LESSON

I CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 13

THE PSALM

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And shew us the light of his countenance,
And be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God :
Yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God :
Let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.