

that much good is of the devil, and used as a bait to get people into his snares, and to keep them from the greatest and only eternal good; and that for this very purpose, he "fashions himself into an angel of light."

Such is the character of the enemy, and some of his wiles. So mighty is he, that we should have no power at all against him, but for the protection and help of our God. It was because our Lord knew all this, that He prayed for us that we might be kept "from the evil one" (John 17:15), and taught us to pray, "deliver us from the evil one" (Matt. 6:13). And for our protection against such mighty foes, He has provided for us the only adequate armor, which we shall now examine.

## 2. THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, (vs. 13-17).

Just in proportion as we appreciate the mighty power of the adversary, and the inevitable warfare that is upon us, shall we with interest study our defense. *Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.* We are living in an evil day. Men talk eloquently, and with enthusiasm of the advance of science and the arts of civilization which are making the twentieth century so marvelous in its achievements, but viewed from our position in the heavenly places, it is seen to be a time of midnight darkness, through which the "children of light" have to make their way, surrounded by the "spiritual hosts of wickedness," intensely determined on their overthrow. Therefore their only safety is to be covered with the panoply of God.

To illustrate the believer's equipment for the great conflict, the apostle sets before us the Roman soldier pre-