

rade, he said in a feeble whisper : " Give me a drop." " My poor fellow," was the reply, " there's not a particle of water in my canteen." " O," said he, " I didn't mean that. Look in my knapsack for my Bible, and give me a drop of that ;" and after his comrade read a few passages, the wounded man said, " O, there's nothing like that for a dying soldier." The poor soldier spoke the truth. There is nothing that can excel in its healing properties, the balm of Scripture, when believingly applied to the wounds we incur in life's battlefield. In this way, we may stem the flow of our spiritual life-blood as it oozes from these ghastly wounds, and thus preserve our spiritual strength.

Then, again, we may speak of *Prayer* as a part of this armor. It is, as the messenger that we send to headquarters for relief, when hard pressed by the enemy, and in need of reinforcements. *Watchfulness* and *Perseverance* are our sentinels, stationed at commanding positions to warn us of the approach of the enemy, and to keep us on our guard.

These are the several pieces of this armor of God ; and we must have them every one. Our text does not speak of the necessity of us having a portion of this armor—two or three pieces of it—but " the whole " of it. And in addition to having it in our possession, we must *put it on*. An armor is of no use, as a means of defence, hanging up on a

peg. It must be buckled on. Let us look well to this armor of God, and see that no piece be missing. If any part be neglected, whether it be the girdle, or the breastplate, or the greaves, or the shield, or the helmet, or the sword, or the messenger, or the sentinels, the conflict will prove fatal to us ; for the devil has numerous allies, and they will get about us, and behind us, and on every side : and wherever they see us unprotected, there they will direct their darts, even between the joints of the armor, if they can, so hateful, and mighty and artful are they. 'As we believe in this armor, let us put it on, and prove our sincerity, by applying the gospel to ourselves, and drawing out into healthful exercise those graces with which the Lord has endowed us, as occasion may offer. We shall now, briefly notice,

III. *What inducement we have to put on this armor of God.* " That we may stand against the wiles of the devil." There is an implication here that without this armor, we cannot stand at all. What is implied is true. We shall certainly fall, and be wholly overcome. But clad in this armor, we can present a bold front to the enemy. We must not yield to the devil's allurements and assaults. We must oppose them. 'When he stands up against us, we must stand up against him. Though he is such a mighty enemy as we have seen him to be, he is not almighty. His power is