

and His enemy fled from the field. So he will whenever the Christian puts against his evil suggestions the Word of God upon the subject in question. This completes the defensive armor of God.

3. PRAYER A MEANS OF AGGRESSIVE WARFARE (vs. 18-20).

Being thus equipped with the whole armor, he comes now to that which constitutes the real fighting. *With all prayer and supplication, praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance.* No part of the Christian life can be sustained without prayer. It is connected with the exercise of every faculty of the new-born nature. Prayer is called "the Christian's vital breath." As we must breathe with the exercise of each function of our bodies, so in everything that relates to the spiritual life, prayer is a necessity. Especially is this true in our warfare with Satan. Every battle is fought in prayer. It is "with all prayer," that is, using every kind of approach to God, as the need requires. It is to be "at all seasons," or at every step, and in every crisis. With "supplication" — or great earnestness; and "in the Spirit," using all these as prompted by the indwelling Holy Spirit, who ever helps our infirmities, and knowing our needs, intercedes for us.

And supplication for all saints. In our prayer, we are not to be occupied alone with ourselves and our own needs, but remembering and maintaining our unity with all the members of the body, we are by prayer to help one another. What a wide field is here for the exercise of prayer.

And for me. Strong as was Paul in the use of the armor of God, he never ceased to feel the need, or believe