

ism are hardly less to-day than in the time of Christ. They are behind very much of the lawlessness and crime and disease and insanity and false teaching which fill the earth. They are the working power of all the genuine phenomena of Spiritualism by which they are deceiving and leading to ruin increasing millions in these last days.

These wicked spirits are here called "the world rulers of this darkness." We met them in the second chapter of this epistle, as "the powers of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." The world is in its time of darkness now, and this darkness is under the dominion of Satan its prince, who carries on his operations through the agency of these "world-rulers."

But these invisible foes are not confined to the outer visible world. They have access, and for some reason are permitted to exercise their baleful influence even in "the heavenly places." They wage their warfare against the children of God in the very sphere of their heavenly calling, where they are raised and seated with Christ, and where are "all spiritual blessings in Him," (Chap. 1:3).

Such are the adversaries with whom we have to contend. They are the mighty forces which Satan has at his command, and with which he carries on a thoroughly organized system of warfare, according to a settled plan. These every Christian must meet and overcome, or be overcome by them.

Let us now turn our attention to their method of warfare. We often think of Satan as bringing physical evil and disasters upon us, causing trouble, pain, and suffering; or as bringing us into great temptation to sin; or as instigating the commission of crime. He is often pictured