

not to be able to move us from the Rock on which we have, for good and sufficient reasons, built our faith and hope.

But alas, we have mightier foes than these, and the apostle marches them out for our inspection. . Not flesh and blood, *but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.* Such is the revised version and the only correct reading of this passage. This is a most fearful presentation of the combined forces which assail our position, and with whom we have to contend. No mention is made of any human or visible power. Such are too insignificant to be classed with these. Our real enemies are invisible, but none the less personal and mighty. We shall do well to consider them and their methods.

At the head of this organized force stands Satan, the arch adversary. The personality of the devil is as clearly and positively assumed throughout the New Testament, as is that of God, or any other character which appears therein. It is Satan's plan to make use of "wiles" (deceitful schemes) to carry on his warfare. Chief among these is the propagation of the widely extended modern notion that the devil is nothing more than the principle of evil. And so successfully has he circulated this idea, that the belief in a personal devil is now looked upon by those who deny the divine authority of the Scriptures, and by some who profess to accept them, as an obsolete superstition. But throughout the Bible, and especially in the teaching of Jesus, and His apostles, the devil is no figure of speech. He is everywhere recognized as a living, acting, and mighty person. He is called in the New