

tion counselled by our Lord when he said, "Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?"

Who is the foe? or foes if they be many? Foremost comes SATAN, designated so variously in the word. He is called the Angel of the Bottomless Pit, Prince of this World, Prince of Darkness, Accuser, Deceiver, Liar, Lucifer, Serpent, etc. These, and other figures under which he is spoken of, give a full exposition of his character. He is fierce and implacable. He consumes his adversaries. He cunningly lies in wait to take them. He desires to sift men. He aspires to the foremost among them to make of them his sport. "He goeth about seeking whom he may devour." The manner in which he is designated and the record of his malicious endeavors sufficiently attest that he is a person. In Job he is pictured as appearing before the Lord in the assembly of His people, and is given power to try the patient patriarch. He is the great head of a wide dominion of evil spirits. The apostle says, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against

powers, against the rulers of the world."

No contemptible foe is this therefore. He has made the earth his sphere of action, and brought down a world, which, however, shall not long be afflicted with his disastrous supremacy. Right good and seasonable therefore, with this enemy to confront us, are the words: "Be sober. Be vigilant." "Take the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked."

Other foes have a place in the statements of the Word, the WORLD and the FLESH. These seem but the channels, or the agents of Satan's communication with men. They are given, however, a distinctive treatment in the Bible. 'Tis well to know the enemy, and additionally helpful is it to know also the highway of his approach.

THE WORLD. A man must be at war with his surroundings. In one sense, at least, is it true that "harmony with our environment" is impossible. Too sadly true is it however that many men take sides with the world. These professed followers of Christ put themselves in the way of its current and are borne peacefully along. We are to be against the world. The friend-