

Our real struggle is against the world rulers of the darkness of this age (world) -- the evil forces that are entirely evil and that are doomed to destruction. It is against them that we must fight to our utmost, but we must recognize every human being as one whom it may be necessary ~~for~~ for us to oppose strongly because he is used of these forces, but as one who may be won to the Lord, one to whom we should be gentle and kind and seek to win him if possible, though do what is necessary to protect ourselves against the evil that he may do. But our struggle is not against blood and flesh, it is not against human beings but it is against the great forces of Satan, the forces of the devil which we cannot possibly resist in our own strength, but which thank God we can overcome in the strength of the Lord.

Wherefore he says, Take unto you the whole armour of God. Take unto you this plan ^{able} of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. Are not all the days evil? Yes. Satan is the Prince of this world, so all the days ~~of~~ are evil. But when he says, "in the evil day" what he is meaning is like when they say, Save up for a rainy day. What he means is, Everything is going fine now. Everything is lovely, well you get ready. In time of peace prepare for war. Get your heavenly armour on you and get all parts protected because you do not know when the difficulty comes, but come they surely will. Prepare for the evil day, be sure you have the whole armour of God. Be sure you are not leaving one aspect unprotected. Be sure you are not open on one flank, on one side or on the other side. You see someone else, and you say, Oh may isn't that awful how that man fell into that temptation. Isn't it wonderful I have no trouble with that temptation. That doesn't appeal to me in the slightest. It may sometime. You prepare. Get your armour ready, lest you fall the way someone else has. Watch for your weak points, but also watch for your strong points. Many a person who protects his weak points falls at the very point where he is strong. I remember reading some time ago, I guess it was about 1920 or so, I read a story about the way ^{war} between the Chinese and the British back about 1850. And it told about I forget whether it was Singapore or Hongkong, I rather think it was Hongkong that a particular group of Chinese had fixed up so that they were all ready at the good port, the good landing place watching for the coming of the British army, and they had this all ready and protected there and were ready. Then just there were just a few of them around the back of the island and here the British ships came to the back end. According to this story they