

The Bible presn presents Satan as a being of tremendous power, of utter ~~wik~~ wickedness, of terrible opposition to all who desire to ~~fi~~ follow Christ, ^{something missing?} and clearly says that we can never overcome him in our own strength but that we must resist him, looking to God for protection. ~~S*~~ Satan is a great malevolent being desiring to injure us. Only by s-aying close to God can we be safe from his fiery darts. Most of ths those who take work here at the seminary realize ~~tha~~ that great as Ss Satan's power is, God's power is greater, and under the shadow and under His wings we can safely abide. Though Satan's power surpasses that of any earthly being by far, God's power is greater and as we submit to Him and stay close to Him we can rest secure in His omnipotent protection.

Some of you As forces throughout the world As Sta Satan's power shows itself in many parts of the world it is entirely possible ~~xxx~~ that some of us will have to face his terrible darts, fiery darts. May God give us ~~wik~~ wisdom and strength when that occasion comes, to rest securely in Christ and to know that through His power we can extinguish ~~x~~ overcome the attacks of the Evil One. evil One.

~~x~~ It is entirely possible that most of us will never have to meet directly the fiery darts of Satan. Our country hada great has a great background of people who formed established it in order that they could have a place where they could ~~worsh~~ worship God without molestation or interference. TEH The fruits of our ancestors' devotion to Christ are evident in the great measure of freedom and safety that many of us enjoy, though as we look at world conditions and at the terrible increase of crime and wickedness in our land in recent years we wonder how much longer God's mercy will rest upon it. But whether we have to meet the fiery darts of Satan or not, every oone every one of us must meet his tricky methods, his devious schemes, what the King James Version calls the wiles of the Devil. devil. How he wishes to destroy ;u destroy us. He will lure us into sin, making it appear attractive and pleasant. He will fill our minds with obscuring thoughts and get us to arguing over points on which God has not revealed the answer in the Scripture. He ~~ix~~ will lead us to put ~~mx~~ our faith in human beings. How well I remember that great evangelist, Dr. R. A/ Tpr A Dr. R. A. Torrey, whom God used so wonderfully in the first quarter early part of this century to reach souls on every contintnt except Antarctuca, [quote slipped the mind]

Everyone of Every one of us will have to meet the wiles of the Devil. Sometimes I think of life as like a tug-of-war. On one side we are pulling vigorously; at the other end of the long rope Satan is pulling us ~~xxx~~ away from the great biblical teachings that should mean so much to us. We might say his attempt to ~~m~~ pull us into flagrant sin and wicked denial of God [no verb] He pulls hard, and we ~~m~~ pull in the other direction, but many of us are swept away as we put our confidence in our own strength instead of in God who alone can deliver us. This is