

Call to Worship: Psalm 144:9-10a

I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
(10) The One who gives salvation

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 31:20 - 32:8

Sermon: "PUT ON the Whole Armor of God" Ephesians 6:11

Benediction: Psalm 144:1-2a

Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle--
(2) My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and
the One in whom I take refuge

INTRODUCTION

We observed last time that the armor of God is essentially our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Himself. Today we work primarily on the concept of "putting on" the whole armor of God. This is the thing we are to do---more specifically, have done to us---but it is phrased figuratively. If we are to put on the whole armor of God, what does "put on" mean we are to do?

TEXT

Eph 6:10-13 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

BODY

- I. To Put On the Whole Armor of God Is to Recognize Your Need Of It
 - A. By nature we are not proof against attacks by the devil
 1. illus. A man strong physically may prevail in wrestling against another man, but will not prevail against the strike of pointed or edged weapons like arrows or swords. It is not the nature of his flesh, even when strong physically, to resist those wounds.
 2. you might recognize that you are not strong to resist wounding by weapons, but not recognize that you are not strong to resist falling into temptation; so the Lord has given us examples to warn us
 - B. 1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1. see, if you do not think you need any armor in order to stand, you won't be putting it on, and so you will fall
- C. If you are someone who has been baptized, and who goes to church, hear this warning: 1 Cor 10:1-6a Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, (2) all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (3) all ate the same spiritual food, (4) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. (5) But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. (6) Now these things became our examples,
- D. So, what are we to do differently, so that we will put on the armor of God and not fall in the wilderness? 1 Cor 10:6b-10 to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. (7) And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND ROSE UP TO PLAY." (8) Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; (9) nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; (10) nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- E. Recognize that you need to put on the whole armor of God 1 Cor 10:11-12 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. (12) Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

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- II. To Put On the Whole Armor of God Is to Cast Off What Does Not Belong With It
- A. Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.
 - B. What sense does it make to trying putting on armor while wearing something that will not let the armor fit properly?
 - C. What kinds of things is he talking about
 1. sin in general and of any kind
 2. specifically here
 - a) revelry and drunkenness
 - b) lewdness and lust
 - c) strife and envy
 - D. Confess your sin to the Lord; repent of sin; seek forgiveness in Christ Jesus; seek the washing with the blood of Christ

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- III. To Put On the Whole Armor of God Is to Reject Man-Made Armor
- A. Putting on a cheap substitute instead of true, quality armor will not protect the soldier against the enemy's weapons; if you have on cheap substitute armor, you are not putting on the good armor
 - B. Man-made substitute religious practices, no matter how pious-sounding, do not protect against the devil's attacks; see Col 2:13-23
 - C. You who were dead in trespasses, Christ has made alive with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses by His work on the cross
 - 1. Col 2:13-15 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, (14) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
 - D. So, do not try to arm yourself with Old Covenant ceremonies
 - 1. Food and drink required or prohibited (16) So let no one judge you in food or in drink,
 - 2. Old Covenant holy days: (16b) or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,
 - 3. why? (17) which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.
 - E. Do not try to arm yourself with pretended spirituality
 - 1. (18) Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels,
 - 2. (18b) intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
 - 3. why? (19) and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.
 - a) how do you know that?
 - b) that process is described as one that comes through the ministry of the word, as given through the apostles and prophets, and preached and taught by the evangelists and the pastors and teachers
 - c) so those who would set themselves up as prophets and apostles are not holding fast to Christ Jesus
 - F. Do not try to arm yourself with prohibitions about things
 - 1. (20b) , why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations-- (21) "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,"
 - 2. (22) which all concern things which perish with the using--according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

3. why? (20a) Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world
- G. Do not try to arm yourself with any of these man-made religious things
 1. yes, they appear religious (23a) These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body,
 2. (23b) but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.
- H. Instead, look to Jesus Christ crucified - He is the true armor!

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- IV. To Put On the Whole Armor of God Is to Think the Thoughts of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:1)
 - A. Be of the mind not to sin (1b); this takes two parts
 1. (2a) no longer live for the lusts of men
 2. (2b) live for the will of God
 - B. 1Pe 4:1-3 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, (2) that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. (3) For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

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[Time Permitting]

- V. To Put On the Whole Armor of God Is to Work Hard to Add to Your Character (2 Peter 1:5)
 - A. 2Pe 1:1-11 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: (2) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, (3) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, (4) by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (5) But also for this very reason, **giving all diligence, add** [ESV make every effort to supplement] to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, (6) to knowledge

self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, (7) to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. (8) For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. (10) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for **if you do these things you will never stumble [ESV fall]**; (11) for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

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And all of this is a looking to Jesus Christ, who is the armor of God for us.

- I. The Whole Armor
 - A. Greek word *panoplia* here *panoplian*
 - 1. *pan* is a form of the word *pas*
 - a) which means “all”
 - b) we have this in English
 - (1) “panacea” cure for all diseases
 - (2) “pandemic” disease that reaches all people
 - (3) “panorama” view of all
 - (4) “pantheon” a temple at Rome to all the gods
 - c)
 - 2. *oply* is *hoplon*
 - a) both protective covering and weapons
 - 3. this word was brought over into English as “panoply”
- II. The Whole Armor of God
- III. Put On the Whole Armor of God
 - A. understood to be accompanied by “cast off”
 - 1. Rom 13:12-14 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us **cast off** the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. (13) Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. (14) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
 - B. by faith
 - 1. Gal 3:26-28 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
 - C. Gill: and may be daily said to be put on by the believer, as often as he makes use of it, and pleads it with God as his justifying righteousness
 - D. Gill: not only to exercise faith on him as our righteousness, but to imitate him in the exercise of grace and discharge of duty, to walk as he walked
- IV.

- I. What Does It Mean to “Put On” the Armor of God, to “Put On” the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - A. to put on Christ initially is to believe in Him, to have faith in Him, to be in Christ

Put on

Put on = G1746 *enduo*

cast off = G659 *apotithemi*

Romans 13:12 let us **cast off** the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light

the whole armor of God

whole armor = G3833 *panoplia(n)*

Only other use of this word in NT: Luke 11:22

2 Cor 10:3-4

1 Thess 5:8

Romans 13:12 the armor of light

Gurnall:

What is the armor?

First: By armor is meant Christ (Romans 13:14)

Second: The graces of Christ, these are armor

The quality or kind of that armour: of God in a twofold respect

First, in institution and appointment

“this duty ye shall do; these means ye shall use”

God will say to such as invent ways to worship him of their own, coin means to mortify corruption, obtain comfort in their own mint, “Who hath required this at your hands?”

neither will those ways and means help, which are not of God’s appointing we should fight lawfully, using those means which we have from his mouth in his Word

This reproves

1. the papist
2. the carnal protestant, who fights in fleshly armour 2 Cor 10:3

Second, in make and constitution

it is not armour as armour, but as armour of God, that makes the soul impregnable. That which is born of God overcometh the world . . . But the spurious adulterous brood of duties and graces, being begot of mortal seed, cannot be immortal.

The quantity or entireness of our armour

He must be armed in every part of himself

The Christian must be in complete armour in regard of the several pieces and weapons that make up the whole armour of God

there is a concatenation of graces; they hang together like links in a chain, stones in an arch, members in the body; neglect one duty, and no other will do us as good. see 2 Peter 1:5-7

The Christian is to press after the advance and increase of every grace, even to perfection itself. “Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

First, because grace is subject to decays, as in an army

Second, because Satan is completing his skill and wrath.

third, it is the end of all God’s dispensations, to complete his saints in their graces and comforts

[Reasons people do not strive to put on the whole armor of God]

1. they have more mind to join house to house, and lay field to field
2. they have a conceit they are perfect already
3. others are discouraged from too deep a sense of their present penury

The use of our armour - “PUT ON the whole armour of God”

they should exercise what they have

it is one thing to have armour in the house, and another thing to have it buckled on

it is one thing to have grace in the principle, and grace in the act

It is not enough to have grace, but this grace must be kept in exercise.

1. Christ commands us to have our armour on, our grace in exercise. Luke 12:35; 1 Thess 5:16-18
2. Satan's advantage is great when grace is not in exercise.
3. It is hard work to recover the activity once lost, and to revive a duty in disuse.
4. We must keep grace in exercise in respect of others our fellow-soldiers.
 - a. the cowardice of one may make others run

Bayne:

How may we put in on?

1. uncase us of that which will not let it be drawn upon us
2. pray to God to fit this about us
3. put on these things by exciting and augmenting them. [Arguing against lies regarding our standing with God on the basis of Christ.]
4. The use of this armour doth put it on; these graces have this; being exercised, they increase the more

RWP:

Old word from panoplos (wholly armed, from pan, hoplon)

Certainly Paul could claim knowledge of the Roman soldier's armour, being chained to one for some three years.

Hodge:

this conflict, on the issue of which our salvation depends, is not to be carried on with straws picked up by the wayside. As we have superhuman enemies to contend with, we need not only superhuman strength, but divine armor and arms. The weapons of our warfare are not natural, but divine.

The armor of God means that armor which God has provided and which he gives.

as the strength which we need is not from ourselves, so neither are the means of offense or defense

Instead of relying on the arms which God has provided, men have always been disposed to trust to those which they provide for themselves or which have been prescribed by others. Seclusion from the world (i.e. flight rather than conflict), ascetic and ritual observances, invocation of saints and angels, and especially, celibacy, voluntary poverty, and monastic obedience, constitute the panoply which false religion has substituted for the armor of God. Of this fatal mistake, manifested from the beginning, the apostle treats at length in his Epistle to the Colossians, Col_2:18-23.

Trapp:

Or else never think to do the afore mentioned duties

Poole:

get yourselves furnished with every grace, that none be wanting in you, no part naked and exposed to your enemies
not carnal, but spiritual, and given by God

Henry:

get and exercise all the Christian graces, the whole armour, that no part be naked and exposed to the enemy

It is called the armour of God, because he both prepares and bestows it.

we must put it on; that is, we must pray for grace, we must use the grace given us, and draw it out into act and exercise as there is occasion.

Gill:

[as also Eadie, Barnes] Not that which God himself is sometimes clothed with, and uses against his enemies; but what he has provided for his people, and furnishes them with

It is called 'the armour of God'

- because it is prepared by him for his people, and is bestowed on them by him
- because it is in its own nature divine and spiritual, and not carnal
- because it is provided for fighting the Lord's battles, and is used in them
- because the efficacy of it is from him, and the execution it does is owing to him

to be taken and "put on"; which is not to make and provide this armour, but to take it, as in Eph_6:13; as being ready made and provided

JFB:

An image readily suggested by the Roman armory, Paul being now in Rome.
In Romans 13:14 it is, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ"; in putting on Him, and the new man in Him, we put on the whole armor of God.

Believers have once for all overcome him; but on the ground of this fundamental victory gained over him, they are ever again to fight against and overcome him, even as they who once die with Christ have continually to mortify their members upon earth (Rom_6:2-14; Col_3:3, Col_3:5)

furnished by God; not our own, else it would not stand (Psa_35:1-3)

Eadie:

Πανοπλία is complete armour, as the name implies. Luk_11:22
It denotes full armour, and not simply, as some erroneously suppose, "the equipment" of God. The specification of the pieces of armour proves that Paul meant panoply in its literal sense.

Do not resort to any arsenal of your own, for its armour is weak and useless; but put on the whole armour of God

It cannot mean, as Anselm dreams, such armour as God uses.

It is armour forged on no earthly anvil, and tempered by no human skill.

Ellicott:

The special emphasis in this verse is on “the whole armour,” or “panoply” (a word only used here and in Luk_11:22); not mainly on its strength or its brightness, as “armour of light” (comp. Rom_13:12), but on its completeness, providing against all “the wiles” and “all the fiery darts” of the Evil One, leaving no one point unguarded by a carelessness which may be fatal on all. In this it accords well with the general completeness and harmony of idea so characteristic of this Epistle.

of God—given us, that is, by God

To put on the “armour of God” is declared (by comparison of Rom_13:12; Rom_13:14) to be to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Hence its completeness corresponds to the divine perfection of His true humanity. We are “to grow up unto Him in all things” (Eph_4:15), to put on His image in all the harmony of “truth” and “righteousness,” of “peace” and “faith,” to receive and use His “salvation” and wield the spiritual energy of His “Word.”

Barnes:

The whole description here is derived from the weapons of an ancient soldier. The various parts of those weapons - constituting the “whole panoply” - are specified in Eph_6:14-17. The word rendered “whole armor” πανοπλίαν panoplion, “panoply”), means “complete armor,” offensive and defensive; see Luk_11:22; Rom_13:12 note; 2Co_6:7 note. “The armor of God” is not that which God wears, but that which he has provided for the Christian soldier. The meaning here is:

(1) that we are not to provide in our warfare such weapons as people employ in their contests, but such as God provides; that we are to renounce the weapons which are carnal, and put on such as God has directed for the achievement of the victory.

(2) we are to put on the “whole armor.” We are not to go armed partly with what God has appointed, and partly with such weapons as people use; nor are we to put on “a part” of the armor only, but the “whole” of it. A man needs “all” that armor if he is about to fight the battles of the Lord; and if he lacks “one” of the weapons which God has appointed, defeat may be the consequence.

Carroll:

We make a very great mistake if we think that in the happy hour of our conversion all trouble, battle, and strife are over. They have just commenced. That is the day we enlisted. The whole war is ahead of us – not a war for our salvation, but a war in Christian service.

in going out to this battle he needs an armor, or panoply. The idea is doubtless suggested to Paul by the fact that even as he wrote he was chained to the soldier of the Praetorian guard, the most formidable of Roman soldiers. The soldier has on a helmet, breastplate, a military girdle, war sandals, and has a sharp two-edged sword, certainly the most formidable weapon ever devised for warfare, and a long shield with which, when he goes out into battle, he protects himself. So Paul takes this imagery to show how the Christian must guard against the wiles of the devil – that the Christian must be panoplied.

JRY:

ILLUS: Gas chamber during basic training
the gas mask is not pleasing to the flesh

Hodgins:

[paraphrasing]

- Paul not referring to organizing for political action
- Paul not referring to missionary endeavor
- Paul referring here to the everyday mundane matters

Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (2) But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" (3) Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" (4) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." (5) Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." (6) And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Deuteronomy 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."

2 Samuel 22:1-4 Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. (2) And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; (3) The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. (4) I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Isaiah 59:16-21 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. (17) For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. (18) According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. (19) So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. (20) "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD. (21) "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

Verse 16 His own arm . . . His own righteousness

Trapp:

i.e. Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God

Poole:

The literal meaning is, God's taking vengeance on the Chaldeans for the people's sake; the mystical is, Christ's making use of his own righteousness for the redemption of lest man, being destitute of all other.

Henry:

Christ, the power of God and arm of the Lord, that man of his right hand whom he made strong for himself

If men be not zealous against sin, God will, and will take vengeance on it for all the injury it has done to his honour and his people's welfare; and this was the business of Christ in the world, to take away sin and be revenged on it.

Gill:

this may be understood of Christ, as well as what follows.

JFB:

the arm of Messiah

Isaiah 11:1-5 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. (2) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (3) His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; (4) But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (5) Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness [LXX G225 aletheia] the belt of His waist.

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-righteousness as a breastplate

-a helmet of salvation on His head

Psalm 18

Borgman:

Paul is not thinking of Roman soldier armor, but of Isaiah 59:17 armor

Griswold:

This armor is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

“I am the truth”

“Christ, our righteousness”

“He is our peace”

Rom 13: “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

When a soldier goes into battle, his armament is already chosen for him.

If you are not interested in these weapons, you fear men rather than God.

that you may be able to stand against

Hoehner:

to stand defensively (not to conquer) against the onslaughts

to stand defensively against the spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies

the wiles of the devil

gird your waist with truth G225 aletheia

Isaiah 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness [G225 aletheia] the belt of His waist.

breastplate G2382 thorax of righteousness

Isaiah 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

having shod your feet [G4228 pous] with the preparation [G2091 hetoimasia] of the gospel [G2098 euaggelion] of peace [G1515 eirene]

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news [LXX G2097 euaggelizo], Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

shield [G2375 thureos] of faith [G4102 pistis]

helmet of salvation

Isaiah 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

sword G3162 machaira of the Spirit G4151 pneuma the word G4487 rhema of God

Gurnall

<https://www.ccel.org/ccel/gurnall/armour/files/gurnal02a.htm>

2LBCF, 5.5

The most wise, righteous and gracious God doth oftentimes leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruptions of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself; and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for other just and holy ends. So that whatsoever befalls any of his elect is by his appointment for his glory and their good.

Psalm 35