

yelled, The wrong place, the wrong place, you're not supposed to come here. Go around there." And the story I read was to show the silliness of these Chinese people who thought that the British would necessarily land exactly where they expected them to. Well, I read that story about 1920 and I was much impressed about 1943 to see the very same thing turned against the British and to see that where the British thought the Chinese were silly they proved to be just as silly. Because about 1940 I read how the British spent millions and millions of dollars -- what was at that time a tremendous sum in protecting Singapore against the sea so that it could not be attacked. They made it an absolutely impregnable fortress, absolutely safe. And then in W. W. II the Japanese came down through Malaya and came down from the north where the British had very little protection and all of their great armament that they put where they thought they would be attacked proved absolutely worthless. And so the thing that they laughed at the Chinese about they ~~did~~ did themselves. And any one of us is apt to do that. It's one of the ~~ironies~~ ironies of life. We see where someone else makes a fool mistake. We see where someone else falls, and we think, Ah I've ~~got~~ got too much sense to do a thing like that. And next we know we fall into the ~~same~~ very same error. He says that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, in the day when this thing comes to you that you may be ready, get ready now, and study how you ~~can~~ can have upon you and around you the entire armour that the Lord has made available for you that you may be able to stand in the evil day.

Now the end of this vs. at first sight doesn't seem to make a great deal of sense to us, perhaps -- that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand. Well to stand, to withstand, and having done all to stand -- it isn't apparent immediately. But if you read this a little more slowly and carefully, I think the idea of it is clear that in the evil day having done all that you can, having used to the utmost the resources that you then have available that you will still be able to stand. That you'll not be able to start a good resistance, that you'll not be able to begin a good progress, but that you will be able to carry it on to its completion and at the very end still be seen to be standing there. Having done all you can ~~then~~ then still to stand. And so he goes on to describe the armour. We don't have time to look ~~mush~~ at the details of the armour. We might just glance at a few of them. Stand therefore with your loins girt about with truth. Unless you know something