

still is evil in the world, and evil is a reality. And we are apt to be attacked by the evil, and we may have to defend ourselves from the evil. And here Amalek treacherously attacks Israel and God gave the command that they should remember this for all times. Now of course there is much more detail to it than the Bible gives us. For anyone to take this as an analogy -- to say that ~~anyone~~ ^{someone} / who ~~is~~ has treacherously attacked us, we must oppose for all time, or that they are completely under God's condemnation would be going way beyond the Scripture. There is far more detail in this doubtless. God knows the whole situation. No matter how treacherous one may be, no matter how wicked he may be, no matter how hypocritical he may be, God may leave him to himself and may turn him into a true Christian. We cannot ^{say} / who God is going to save. And so we must be very slow in making any judgment that anyone is in a permanent situation as Amalek was here. Be we know that there are those who are in this situation and we must be on our guard against ~~it~~ / ~~it~~ them. In my prayer group ^{at} on the day of prayer, I ~~g~~ read the first ¹⁶ verses of the fourth chapter of the book of Ephesians, and there is a marvellous emphasis there on the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace which we are to keep, and the unity of all who truly believe in Christ is something that no Christian has a right to neglect or to forget. But right in that passage in vs. 14, it is the Apostle's prayer that we be henceforth no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. And ~~it~~ of course you stop right there, you say, Well people misunderstand. We want to be careful about misunderstanding. People get new ideas. We want to test them and see what's good and what isn't. And that's all fine. But Paul continues in this passage: "by the slight of men and cunning craftin~~ess~~ ^{ness} whereby they lie in wait to deceive." The reality of evil, and the reality of evil men is something that the Christian can easily forget when he puts his stress upon the great principles of righteousness and goodness in the Scripture and recognizes ^{now} that there is something of the image of God in all men. But we also have to recognize this fact that we have to be on