some great wrong from the upholders of
the good. As an example of this I will quote
from the Gospel according to St. Luke—
“And the whole multitude of them arose,
and led him (Jesus Christ) unto Pilate. And
they began to accuse him, saying, We
found this fellow perverting the nation,
and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar,
saying that he himself is Christ a king.”
This is the cunning of the devil, and a
means by which he leads down to destruc-
tion great numbers of the human family.
He gets the political world to believe that
they are, or are going to, be infringed
upon; he makes the religious world believe
that the sanctity and rights of their holy re-
ligion are in danger, and thus he gets them
to make his cause their own; they are
lashed into a frenzy of excitement and ha-
tred against the Saints; every high-toned,
honorable and truthful feeling of the
human heart is blunted or entirely subdued
in them; they plan for the destruction of
God’s people, and, in many instances, the
blood of the Saints—the blood of inno-
cence—has been shed by their hands. It is
written in the book of Revelation: “And the
great dragon was cast out, that old serpent,
called the Devil, and Satan, which de-
ceiveth the whole world: he was cast out
into the earth, and his angels with him.”

Paul in view of the power of this great
deceiver and his host exhorted the Saints
anciently to, “Put on the whole armor of
God, that ye may be able to stand against
the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not
against flesh and blood, but against prin-
cipalities, against powers, against the rulers
of the darkness of this world, against
spiritual wickedness in high places.” A
great number of those who oppose the
truth, and mob and rob and kill the follow-
ers of the Lord Jesus Christ, know not what
they oppose, but they are moved to
commit depredations against the people of
God by men who are desperately wicked;
these are among the bitterest enemies of
the truth. The multitude in the days of
Jesus cried out: “Crucify him.” The chief
priests had delivered him up from envy. Pi-
late knew this; “But the chief priests moved
the people, that he should rather release
Barabbas unto them. When Pilate inquired
what evil he had done, they cried out more
exceedingly: crucify him.” They know not
what they did.

Wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ has
been preached, either in these or in former
days, it has met with a class of men to
whom the truth looked lovely and God-
like, and the spirit within would prompt
them to embrace it; but they find them-

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