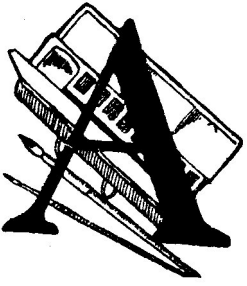


The Wind and the Sun¹



dispute once arose between the north-wind and the sun, about who was the more powerful. They agreed to try their strength upon a poor traveller. Whoever could succeed in stripping the poor traveller of his cloak would be the winner. The north-wind began first, and unfairly called to help him, a pelting, pitiless storm of rain; but, instead of tearing away the poor man's cloak, he only wrapped it the closer round his body, and held it more tightly about him. Having failed in his object, the sun's turn came next, and he, shining out with brilliance, caused such a glow of warmth that the poor traveller was glad enough to remove his cloak, and to hurry to the shade of a neighbouring grove.

Moral

The Bible often compares religion to a cloak or garment. The cold winds of affliction and adversity are far less likely to make men throw off their religion, than the sunny warmth of prosperity. We see that affliction and adversity are enemies and are on our guard, we hold closer to our protection; but prosperity, looking like friendship, can worm its way in. We should be on our guard in the sunny days of prosperity.

Answer in complete sentences. The first question is done for you.

About what did the wind and the sun dispute?

They disputed who was the more powerful.

Upon whom did they agree to try their strength?

Who helped the wind?

When should we be on our guard?

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