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from our human eye as if by co-operating and working with those who are tearing down God's work, we can secure an advantage from ourselves. I remember hearing not so many years ago a very Godly Christian minister in the East here who told a number of young men that they should go to Princeton Seminary in order to train for the Christian ~~ministry~~ ministry and they went and one of them came back and said to him, "The teaching that they are giving us there they are tearing down the Word of God. They are denying that various books belong in the Bible. They think Adam and Eve to be simply myths and legends. Isn't it a mistake to be here?" And the man said, "You don't go there for religious value. You go there for worldly advantage. You go there in order to get a fine culture and a fine training that will enable you to go out and take the teaching ~~which~~ you have gotten from me and give it in churches that you couldn't get otherwise." There he was trying to combine--getting what he recognized to be purely worldly advantages and giving three years of his life to studying the Word of God from a false viewpoint in order to get an entry into a certain place or in order to get a certain worldly training that he could then, he thought, turn to the service of the Lord. God never blesses mixed motives. If we are truly with our whole hearts trying to follow the Lord, God may send us into some very unusual situation but we want to be mighty sure the Lord is sending us there. ~~But~~ But if our motives are mixed and if even down in the bottom of our heart where we don't recognize it we are trying to compromise with those who deny the Word of God in order to secure a worldly advantage for ourselves even if we think it is an advantage which we can turn to the Lord's benefit in service ~~in~~ in the end. We can be sure that God would say to us what he said to Jehoshaphat, "Shouldst thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord. Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord." Then we have in this chapter further accounts of the general direction of the kingdom under Jehoshaphat which in general was a good direction. Jehoshaphat in Judah was a good king. He was trying to serve the Lord and to follow Him, and you would think only that he had made only one mistake. He had gone up