

today. But yet it has a great deal of good material in it. I don't know of anything recently that really covers the field ~~well~~ properly. It is a field in which there is so much material that it is a matter of selecting that which is most vital and a great deal that is most vital is scattered in different languages.

Well, now number 3 then. The character of Solomon. Three points we mention rather briefly under this. "a" His character was mixed as is that of all human beings. He was a mixture. David was a mixture. Saul was a mixture. In all three of them you find much that is good and ~~much~~ much that is very bad. Solomon is like Saul in that in the early part of his work you find his character seeming very attractive and in the latter part you find it far less attractive, although less attractive for quite different reasons ~~than~~ ⁱⁿ the case of Saul. But as far as general character as a moral, upright citizen is concerned either Saul ~~or~~ Solomon would be heading ahead of David in that. David was a man whose general character certainly had quality which you couldn't find the equal of for general wickedness of in Saul, and there is no evidence of it in Saul. It is easy to make out a case for David as immoral, deceitful, treacherous, vengeful. You will find in his life that is extremely wicked, ~~and~~ But David is the man after God's own heart, not because David reached this high state of moral progress but because David was moving in the right direction. Because David was one who when he sinned, repented sincerely and sought to bring himself in line with God's purposes. He was one who had true remorse when he fell. He was one who sought as the keynote of his life to put the Lord first even though there was time after time when he lapsed greatly from it. David was a man who lived in the midst of great issues and great situations, situations which would try any man. In the midst of these situations you will see the passion and the turbulence and the underlying wickedness which is in every individual. You see it in great bold relief in David's life. You see the temptations which power brings to a man. You see the temptation which unusual opportunities of indulging oneself bring to a man.