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 in the forefront of the battle ~~or~~ he will be killed. And Joab said, this man David is very changeable. He is usually friendly toward me, but sometimes he is pretty hostile. One of these days he might take a notion to remove his favorite from him, and to injure me, and so I am going to put ~~it~~ this in my safe-deposit box and keep it carefully, so that if ever he threatens to remove me from my command and throw me out, I can threaten to publish this letter he wrote, telling me privately to put Uriah in the forefront of the battle, and then he won't dare touch me, and David didn't touch Joab, as long as David lived, but at David's death, he told Solomon to watch him, and Solomon got Joab in a clever scheme, where by poor Joab who had served David so faithfully all his life, eventually was killed. And somebody else got ahold of this paper, and they said, we'll treasure this. It shows David's wickedness, yes, but it is an authentic writing from this great man, this great leader of Israel. We will treasure it. But they would never consider it as inspired Scripture. Nobody would ever suggest that the Holy Spirit inspired David to write this. David was a man close to God's heart, that is to say, he was a sinner who fell, like we all do, and fell into serious sin, but he was one who truly repented, and who came to Christ, and ~~was~~ who received God's forgiveness through Christ, and who showed that sort of a tender heart which God desires in His people, but David wrote things which were utterly wicked. And those writings which God inspired David to write, and which God intended to be part of the Scripture, those particular ones were saved as part of the Scripture, and the others were not and he must have written many many things, a man in as great an administrative position such as he was in. He must have written many many things, but of all that he wrote, only the Psalms were preserved, and kept in the Canon, and considered as God's word, as inspired writings. It wasn't that David was a prophet that made these books inspired, it was that these particular things were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and intended of God to be authoritative, and so there was a process which went on, and how did they come to decide that Job was truly a divine book, and how did they come to decide that Esther was truly a divine book, and that Malachi was truly a book by a prophet? We do not know. There was a process that went on. There may have been some very