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 way to speak ~~of~~ God's Word. ~~What lover~~ ^a What lover of the Bible will not be properly greatly incensed at such a statement about this great Book. The alleged proof of such a statement that follows is very far, is very weak indeed. It consists mainly in the question, "Was it God or Satan who prompted David to take the census? The Bible says (~~II~~ II Samuel 24:), (I Chron. 21:). It is easy to ~~fix~~ take any book and find two statements that seem to be anything contradictory to each other. Anyone who knows ~~something~~ about the complexity of human heart knows that ~~two~~ the two statements may both be true, and that it takes more than this to prove the so-called contradictions. The Bible says that Satan prompted David to take a census. It is easy to see what is meant. David was filled with the pride at the great victory that God had given him. God had commanded that ~~he~~ the people should trust Him, and should not try to build ~~up~~ a great empire by their own strength. God had used David to give the Israelites freedom from their oppressors to allow them to establish themselves securely. David held a number of other nations in subjection ~~which~~ all of ~~revolted~~ revolted at the end of the reign of Solomon and most of which never again were subject to the Israelites again. Satan prompted David ~~to have~~ who has done so much to fulfill God's will to give the Israelites ~~the~~ freedom and safety, Satan prompted him to plan still greater ~~conquest~~ conquest and to think in his own pride to make a census of the people to carry on the activities that were not in God's will. On the other hand, we are told in the other places that God prompted David to do it, and this is equally true. When a man falls into ~~his~~ sin ~~in~~ in his heart, God prompts him to carry out the sin in actual outworking in order that its wickedness may be plain to everyone that man can see it and turn from it, and that God may ~~give~~ give him that he may seek God's forgiveness. Both God and Satan prompted David to take a census. It all depends which of you looks at the matter from which point of view. In the end God punished David.