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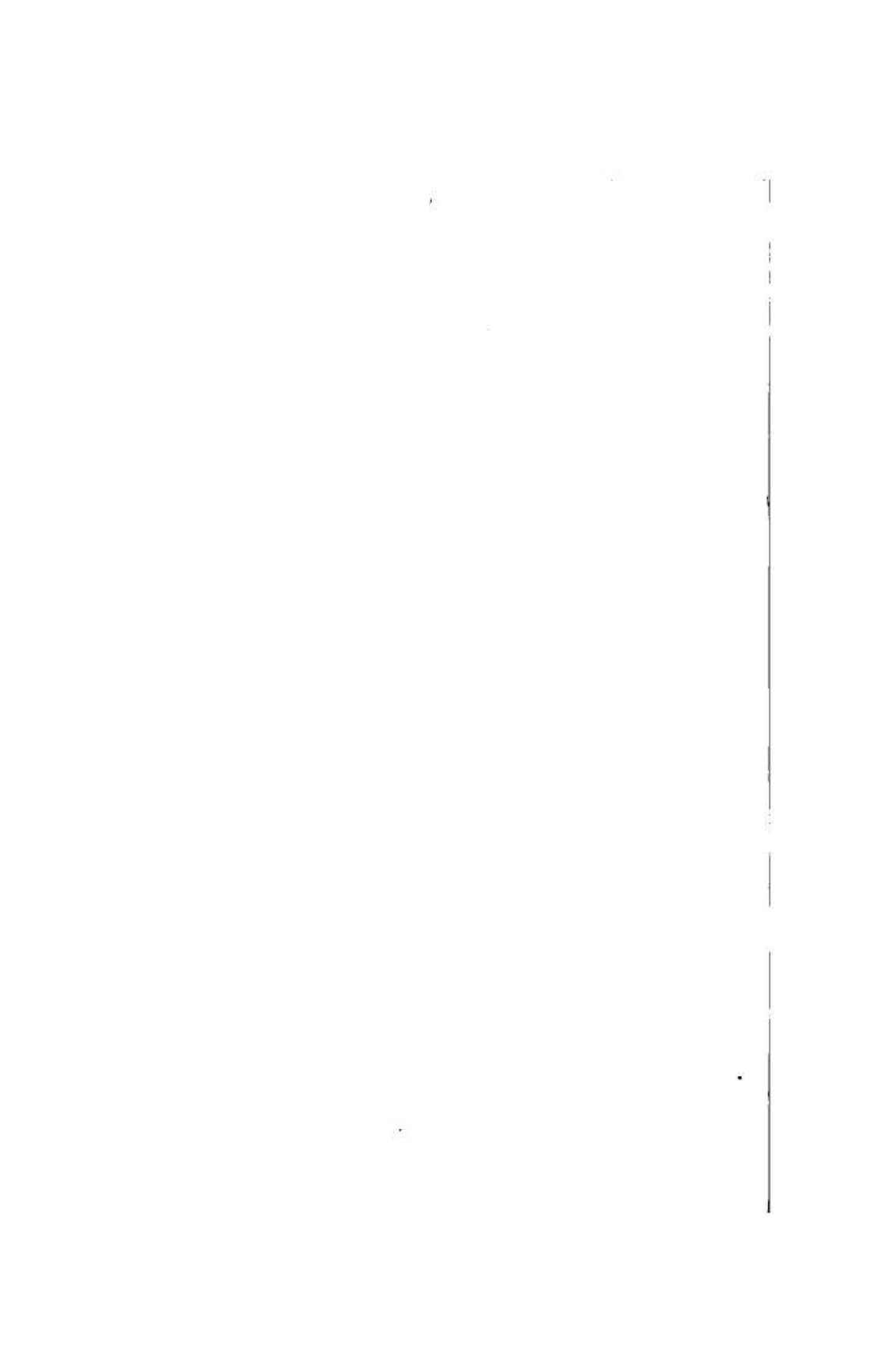
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SERMON I.

SECOND MOTIVE IN THE MINISTRY.

BALAAH.

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“Seek ye first the kingdom of God.”

THERE are two persons in Holy Scripture, one in either Testament, whose character and history speak with thrilling power to every minister of God; Balaam and Judas. They turn our eyes inwardly, and make us search and see whether our intentions are single and our hearts free.

Both of them were called to the highest position in their own dispensation; the Prophet and the Apostle. Both of them had not only the outward vocation, but appeared to the eyes of the world as possessed of an inward character which corresponded with their calling; both for a while thought well of themselves, and imagined “they would die the death of the righteous;” both gradually sank beneath one besetting sin, which slowly and surely preyed on the vitals of their spiritual life. In each case that sin was nearly imperceptible in its advance, unfelt by its victim, and in both that sin was covetousness. It was the admission of a second motive into the