

since to have been banished from the pulpit. It is as near the allegorical and forced mode of interpretation as would perhaps now be tolerated. The rod that budded is token of the spiritual fruitfulness of the Christian religion; the burning bush is a "symbol of the tree of life;" David's devising means, at the suggestion of the wise woman of Tekoa, "how his banished might be brought home again" suggests the means God uses in the gospel to bring sinners to himself. So in case of other texts and subjects the author's fancy makes analogies and finds symbols and tokens that are, to say the least of it, very remote from the real sense of the passages used as mottoes or hints for the discourses.

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