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Calvin's final commentary, an exposition of the book of Joshua, reflects both Calvin's immersion in and dialogue with tradition, as well as his concern with the image and identity of Reformed believers, and especially the Huguenots. This commentary is Calvin's wrestling with moral issues that arise in the text. Calvin's scrupulous treatment of these moral issues is to depict Reformed believers as people who are loyal and obedient to the authorities and to the law, and as people who are free from deception and duplicity. It also reflects his concern that his coreligionists actually strive to live up to that image. O

these moral issues ends in an unresolved tension — a tension that reflects the moral and political ambiguities that at the beginning of the Wars of Religion in France.



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