

"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved". Verse 12, "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth, and the wolf catcheth them and scattereth the sheep." There are the true shepherds and there are the hirelings. There are those who are saying, "What hath God said, what is God's will?" Jesus said, "I speak not of myself but the words that my Father hath given me, them give I unto you." The Word of God, we take it, we give it, it is food for the soul, and the hireling who has a good job, a good salary/<sup>but</sup> is not interested in the welfare of the sheep, sees the wolf coming and he flees and leaves the sheep. That is the conflict of the ages.

Now we get over into the time of the Reformation. And in the time of the Reformation there were churches all over Europe which had the Word of God, and which read parts of the Word of God in their services, ~~but~~ but they read them in the foreign tongue so the people couldn't understand them. And there were many true Christians in the churches and there were many true Christians in the leadership of the churches, I don't mean in the top leadership, but in the support of the leadership here and there, but there were many true Christians. But the great bulk of the leadership had taken the attitude of the hireling that were looking out for their own welfare and they weren't watching out for the feeding of the sheep and they forgot about the Word of God. And the great thing of the Reformation was that Martin Luther and John Calvin and these others said "to the <sup>Word</sup> ~~Word~~ and to the testimony, what has God said that was ~~the~~ true?" There are people today who try to say that Martin Luther held to a low idea of Inspiration. That is absolutely false. Martin Luther said, at the end of his life, "Destroy all my books, but keep the Word of God." When they brought him before the emperor, earlier in his career, and they had all of Martin Luther's books on the table and the chancellor of the empire pointed to these books, and he said, "Martin Luther, are you ~~the~~