

felt Woe is me if I let anything else take the place of serving Christ. But then he thought of his wicked life and he thought How could Jesus use one whose lived a life such as I have? Then he thought, How could Jesus use anyone? We are all sinners. It is His wonderful love that has shown itself. Perhaps He can use even me. So he resigned his position and spent some months meditating on Christ and what Christ had done and thinking how he could serve Christ. As he did so he thought about the crusades. He thought about the Moslems, the attempt to drive them back by force. He felt is that the right way? That is not the way Jesus and His disciples did. God loves the souls of these people. Should we not try to reach these ~~would~~ souls for Christ. Should we not try to get the message of Christianity to them? But he said, I have no preparation for this. He had an ordinary education. He could write and read Latin well. He was able to write good poetry in his native language, but he had no knowledge how to reach the Moslems. But he felt a burden to reach the Moslems for Christ. But he said, How can I reach the Moslems? I cannot t even talk Arabic. I can't even read Arabic. By this time it was known what he was determined to do, to make his life count for Christ. He said, If I ask a Moslem to teach me Arabic, he said, No one will do it. They will feel they are helping the infidels. I cannot possibly get a Moslem to get me to learn Arabic. There was no place in Europe at that time where you could learn Arabic. So he went and purchased a slave, a Moorish slave, and for 9 years he worked with this ~~sa~~ slave, struggling to know the Arabic language, until he got so he could speak Arabic like a native N. African. Until he understood it throughly. He studied the Koran, studied how to understand the view of the Moslem. During all this time he was also studying about how to present Christianity. As we read his writings it is amazing to see how he differed from the outlook of his day. We do not find evidence of his going out to fight against the ecclesiastical leaders, evidence of his trying to oppose the crusades, trying to make issues over