

be very obstinate about his own ideas on certain minor matters at times. What would you expect? He had stomach upsets-. He had kidney stones. He had ringing in his ears. He had headaches. But he pushed ahead and worked in order to serve the Lord.

The time came when J. Calvin in Geneva had great difference over a minor point with Luther. Calvin wrote to his good friend Philip Melanchton who was Luther's associate, and he said, Here is a statement that I hope will be satisfactory to Luther and which I hope will express what we mutually believe on this. He got a letter back from Melanchton and it said, Luther was in such a terrible temper that I just did not even dare show him your letter. Friends of Calvin said, Why don't you speak out against this Pope of Wittenburg who says we've got to do everything he says on everything every little point. Why don't you speak out against it? Calvin said, I don't care if Luther were to call me a devil, I would still insist that M. Luther is one of the greatest gifts God has given to His ch. all through the ages. He was certainly right in that judgment of Luther.

150 yrs. passed. England was in the lowest position it had ever been in its history. Things religiously were terrible. J. Wesley went to a little chapel. There he heard someone read from Luther's Prologue to the Gospel of Romans. Wesley said, My heart was strangely warmed as I read it. The whole grt. Methodist movement began in England as an effect of the reading of M. Luther's work. John Bunyan was tremendously influenced by it. Man after man through history has been influenced by Luther's writings. Luther's example of diligence, of hard work, of patient study, of absolute loyalty to the Word of God as he understood it, and above all of absolute primary insistence on the great truth that man is save alone by Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's cross and that is our only hope, and it is only as our eyes are upon Him can we be saved. That's an example for all of us.

Shortly before Luther's death someone came to him and said, Luther we're going to get out a fine edition of all your works so they will all be available in fine print. Oh, said Luther, Forget my works. Throw them away. Reproduce the Bible! The Bible is what matters, We at BST believe that the Bible is what matters. May God enable us to be loyal to the Bible in all things. May God enable us to follow Luther's example. To take whatever comes to us as the result of our loyalty to God's Word, and present His truth to a dying world.

Our Father, we thank you for the example of Luther. Help us to follow Jesus Christ but as we follow Him help us to follow the example of Luther and others whom you have so greatly used, we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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