

And Luther said, Forget it! Destroy all my writings; forget them Publish the Bible, that's what matters. Then Luther hesitated a minute and said, Well, I wish you would not destroy my writing on the Bondage of the Will! That was the one of Luther's writings that the Lutheran Church pays little attention to today. It's the one on the Bondage of the Will. Because in it I believe he went further than Calvin ever went on this. He said man is like a donkey which God may ride, or Satan may ride. He said it depends just on who is riding it! That is very extreme. I don't believe Luther^s in general went as far as that. I'm sure Calvin did not go as far as that. That is to say, they, I believe that both of them would have come very close to this statement that I w read to you written by godly men of several different denominations who assembled in London 350 years ago, and said, "God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby is neither God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established."

This is the heart of Reformed Theology, and everything ~~else~~ else flows from this. Now there are extreme attitudes that I have run into which come from either of two sources: they come from the idea of putting a 1000 points under the head which do not belong there. Premillennialism is certain definite things, and Reformed Theology is certain definite things. It is not what Reformed theologians have held about a host of other things. This is an error which many have fallen into. It has no connection; it is not Reformed. The other great error is to carry to the extreme that I mentioned where