

Not only is God in the beginning of the universe and in the beginning of the Bible. God is in the beginning of every life that is worthwhile. How many people live their lives as though God did not exist? We feel sorry for these people moving about in ignorance not realizing the power and majesty and wisdom of God. These people who are breaking the law of God, and who need to be brought face to face with their sin and need of a Saviour.

But Oh do we realize as we should God's presence around us all the time? This is not simply a book that tells us what happened in ancient times. Interesting and important to learn about it. It is a book which tells us what is happening today. It tells us the eyes of God move to and fro throughout the whole world seeing everything that happens. It tells us that God is here with us. God is not somebody in heaven as the Catholics and Neo-orthodox say: He is in heaven, you are on earth. Yes, God is in heaven but God is here. God is beside us. God knows everything we are doing, everything we are thinking. How easy it is for us to forget this.

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Young Martin Luther was accused of heresy and was brought before the leaders of the holy Roman empire as it was called in order to be judged for his deeds, they brought him there and there was the great Emperor, Charles V. There were the nobles, the leaders of the Holy Roman Empire. They brought in this simple monk as they considered him, the professor from the University of Wittenburg. They brought him there, and he stood over here. There were all the great leaders. And Luther was brought up as a peasant and had only seen nobles at a distance, and the people were in fear of these great leaders. Here were the greatest leaders of all Europe. And the very Emperor the head of them all!

The Herald stepped over and said, Martin Luther are these your books? (They had put all his books on the table). Luther said, Yes. Did you write these? Yes. Are you ready to recant what is contained in these books? Luther said, Will you give me time to consider, time to think about it? The Emperor seeing the poor scared peasant there turned to someone and said, That man would never make a heretic out of me! The Herald said, Martin Luther you were two weeks coming across Germany to get here. You knew all the time you were going to be asked if you would recant your views. Can you tell us now? He said, Give me time to think about it.

They said we will give you until tomorrow morning. Martin Luther went to his room and there he bowed before the Eternal Throne. ~~He~~ Great as was the Emperor, great as were the leaders of Germany, he realized more and more that he was in the presence of the King of Kings, the Emperor of all. These were as nothing compared with the One in whose presence he was standing.

The next day Luther came and stood before the Emperor and they said, Martin Luther, will you recant what you have written? in these books. Luther very graciously pleasantly, and politely but very clearly pointed out. He said, There are things in those books that are wrong. I am a fallible human being, I willingly recant everything I can be shown is wrong. He said, There are matters in there about which I may have guessed and my guess may be wrong. If they Emperor wants me to recant them I will gladly recant them. But, he said, there are matters in there that represent the facts and truth I find in God's Almighty Word and these I cannot possibly recant. Here I stand so help me God! Even the nobles who were against what Luther stood for admired his stand, admired his courage. How different he was! Because he