

to him and said, That man would never make a heretic out of me! He said, Give him 24 hours. So they said, Luther, you have disgusted us all coming to this meeting and not being prepared to answer. But the Emperor in his graciousness has given you 24 hours to think about it. You are to appear before our meeting 24 hours from now.

Luther went home. Luther this timid fellow, filled with fear before the Emperor and all the great leaders. He went to his room and that night he stood before the King of kings, and before Him the great kings and leaders of the world seemed as nothing. Luther stood before them (? Him) through the night. The next day when he appeared his manner was altogether different. He stood there nobly, courageously, filled with determination yet graciously and with courtesy, and answered the questions that were put to him. He did so well that even the Catholic bishops and nobles there who were against him were happy that a young German would show off his courage so well, as Luther did.

Before the King of kings, what was the Emperor of the Holy Roman empire? God wants us to know Jesus Christ, the king of kings. Not merely to know about Him, but to know Him. To stand in His presence to such an extent that we can step into it at any time with absolute certainty that we are with Him, and He with us and stand for Him as we should. Paul said, I want to know Christ. That should be the ambition of everyone of us.

Fifteen hundred years ago about, a great servant of the Lord died. He died after a life of great service to Christ. Some time before he died he had written a hymn. In this hymn he said, Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ in the home, Christ in the chariot seat, Christ in the ship, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. I bind to myself today the strong power of an invocation ~~that~~ the trinity, the faith of a trinity in unity, the Creator of the universe. That man was one who knew Christ, one who loved Christ, one to whom Christ was at the very center,

Alas today there are many who honor St. Patrick in ways that would have disgusted him and rarely say anything about Christ. To St. Patrick there was no saint, there was no person that could even be mentioned on a level with the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a very great servant of the Lord. He knew Christ and he knew the power of His resurrection, and he knew the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings.

I was in Canada several years ago and saw a great large cathedral that was called the Church of St. Anne. I went into it and was handed a little leaflet. It was titled something like this: The value of praying to St. Anne. People often say if you want to get Jesus to do something for you, don't pray to Him, He's too busy to hear you. Pray to His mother. Who would have an influence over Him like His mother? would have? The leaflet said, Yes, that's