

there. And there in France he heard the story of what was happening. And it must have been very discouraging. Because without his presence, and with so many other of the Nicean leaders having been removed in one way or another, Eusebius of Minomenia was even more getting control of the things and Constantine was persuaded that Arius had been misrepresented, that Arius wasn't so bad, he had been expelled from the church and had been excommunicated by the bishop of Alexandria in 321, and in 325 the bishops had unanimously voted that he did not belong in the church with his views, and Constantine had banished him.

And now they persuaded Constantine that Arius was not so bad. And Arius was now 83 years of age. He was brought before Constantine and there he declared a creed, which to a man not trained in theology would sound mighty orthodox. And he took most of the terms ~~xxxxxx~~ that they used of Christ and he used them. He had ~~x~~ created all things, He is very God of very God, all these terms, but he would not say that He was homo-ousians, that He was the same substance as the Father. He wouldn't say that. But he ~~xxxx~~ said so many other things that sounded so much like it that Constantine said that he just couldn't ~~xxxx~~ believe that he wasn't sincere and that he actually believed in the Nicean Creed, and Constantine ordered the church to receive him back into full communion.

A friend of ~~Ak~~ Athanasius wrote Athanasius a letter and this man said to Athanasius that the bishop of Alexandria, who was a man of very mild nature, but an orthodox man, who did not feel the ability or the courage to resist the emperor, and he valued his position, probably, too greatly to resign on account of having to do it, nevertheless he was greatly ^s disturbed about it, and this man wrote to Athanasius that a presbyter had been in the church on an errand, and he heard a voice which he recognized as the voice of the archbishop. He wrote this some little time later. And he ~~xxxx~~ said that he heard the bishop of Alexandria praying and saying, oh Lord, take me away, don't make it necessary that I go through this of receiving Arius ~~x~~ back and the danger of bringing real heresy into the whole church by receiving him back. But oh, if it is necessary, if I can't avoid it any way