

So it would look as if, while he surrendered to the desires of Eusebius, in banishing him, he nevertheless had had great questions about the rightness of it, and Constantius knew what his father wanted. He probably had intended to bring him back soon, and Constantius said that ~~xxxx~~ he was carrying out his father's wishes in bringing him back. So he came back to Alexandria and he was bishop for the next ten years without interference. That is, he was allowed to carry on his work for ten years, and he was welcomed with great joy by the people.

This takes us into section 4, in the reign of Constantius. You remember that it was in 337, when Constantine died and Constantius began to reign. And for three years the empire was divided into three parts. Then Constantine II was killed in battle and the remaining two brothers divided it into two halves. But all the time Egypt was part of Constantius' area. And then 11 years later Constantine died and Constantius took over the whole empire.

(question) There are three brothers, Constantine II, Constantius, and Constantine. And there is an aunt, Constantia. (laughter) But I am not asking you to remember the history or the details of these brothers, because there is only one of them who is of great importance to us, and that is the one who lived the longest, Constantius. He is of great importance in this whole controversy. The other two, one lived three years after his father's death, one lived about fifteen years after his father's death, and Constantius had a reign of nearly a quarter of a century. And the last eleven years or so of the quarter century, he had the whole empire. So he is of tremendous importance. The other two I mention in passing, but I am not asking anybody to remember their names. Constantius' name is very important. Also, the aunt, Constantia, she is of personal importance, because of the fact that she was a strong supporter of the Arian party. And she exerted a very great influence, ~~xxxxx~~ but no actual authority. I am not asking you to remember her name, just the fact that she was in the family.

(~~question~~ question) Well, Constantius, in the first ten years of his reign, seems to have been quite fair ~~toward~~ toward Athanasius. But he was