

The people began knocking down things in the churches, doing away with all the older practices. Just making a complete change, and there was chaos, upheaval and turmoil. It got so that word went all through Germany, Wittenburg is in a position of turmoil. They said, Luther you've got to go in there and straighten matters up. If you don't establish law and order in Wittenburg the Emperor will have a perfect excuse to come and do it himself. Frederick wrote Luther and said, What shall I do? Luther wrote letters to Carlestad and to others.

But the turmoil got worde in Wittenburg, and Frederick said, I don't know what to do. Luther said, I'd better go back to Wittenburg and try to quiet matters. Frederick said, No. I couldnot protect you if you go back. If you go back and everybody knows where you are, you'll be seized and burned to the stake. Luther said, If it is God's will that I suffer by being burned to the stake for His cause I'm ready to so to do, but I must stand for the Word of God!

So Luther wrote a real nice letter to Frederick and said, Frederick I am very grateful for all you've done to protect me in the past. I am grateful for it all, and I know you have ordered me to ~~stay~~ in the Wartburg here, but my duty to God requires I go back to Wittenburg and you have no further responsibility for my safety. Then Luther dressed as a monk, and started out. He had to go through? ~~King~~ Duke George's territory and Duke George hated the Gospel. If Duke George got hold of him, he'd certainly be burned at the stake! So Luther started. One day he stopped at an inn. Somebody looked and here was a knight sitting there eating his lunch, and he had the Hebrew Bible open before him. My they ~~sayz~~ said, A knight reading Hebrew! Who can this be? Fortunately Luther got through the trip safely. I think this was even greater than his stand before the Emperor. He came back to Wittenburg, and they announced Luther is going to preach and all the people gathered and he preached 7 successive days. He ~~preached~~ on orderliness. He said, We must consider all things. Cleave to that which is ~~right~~ and change that which is wrong. We must do it in an orderly fashion. This tumult is ~~contary~~ to God's will he said. And he quited down the tumult and got things ~~ssettled~~, and then he began looking into things further and he made changes after change but he did it quietly and peacefully.

Then he went to surrounding places preaching. By this time the Emperor had gotten into war with France. He was so busy fighting with France he could not interfere right now. Luther went about preaching and for the rest of his life Luther was active in translating the Bbile and in translating he had to make a new language. Because in Gkrmany they had new dialects all over everywhere. He had to through his great knowledge and study he had to invent a German lang. which would represent features of all these dialects so it could be understood all over Germany. He made a translation, and when he would do Leviticus he would go down to the butchershop and have them show him all the parts of the animal so he would get it exactly right about the sacrifices. He did everything very thoroughly. He made this translation. He preached constantly. He worte book after book. His influence was simply beyond description. To my mind he is one of the greatest gifts God ever gave His church.

Of course it was an awful strain on him all that he went through. He expected all these years that he would be seized and killed. Its' not wonder he got into terribel at times. It's no wonder he got to