

and getting spiritual help from Luther and Frederick's whole life was changed by the help he got from Luther but he never came out publicly as a follower of Luther. So when he got a letter from the pope and the pope said, I want Luther to come down to Rome to be examined, and they knew that if that happened that would mean he would be killed, Frederick wrote back and he said, Your Holiness, we're only too glad to do everything we can to please you, but he said, M. Luther is a very valuable professor here and he's not in very good health, and he said, I just don't think the trip would be good for him. So he said, send somebody else here to examine him but he said, I cannot let him leave my territory. And one attempt was made after another to get hold of Luther, but Frederick the Wise prevented it in these various ways and protected Luther. Then the Emperor of Germany died. And there were several who were anxious to become Emperor, as it was a matter of vote by the electors. Frederick the Wise did not have any great power but he was one of the small group of electors who elected the new emperor. So everyone was anxious to keep on his good side at this particular time and did not want to offend him. But they elected a new emperor whom the pope opposed having him elect, but who was determined not to allow heresy within his domain. And this young man, 21 years of age, the papal legate told him what Luther was doing and he said you had better investigate him and get rid of him. So he wrote to the elector Frederick and he said I want you to bring Luther to appear before me in Wormes. And the elector said, I'll be glad to send him, but he said, I want an imperial statement that he will be allowed to come and go in safety and nothing will be done to injure him until a certain length of time has passed, a certain number of days. And the emperor, anxious to keep on good terms with Frederick, gave that paper. So the imperial representative came to get Luther. And he took an a wagon and horses, and of course they had no planes in those days, no automobiles not even good roads. But they got this wagon and they got the horses and they got Luther in with him and Luther was under this safe