

all responsibility for anything that happens to me. It's my own action entirely that I go there. So Luther dressed up like a monk and left. In order to go there he had to go through/Duke George's territory, his greatest enemy who had been threatening to kill him. Somebody said, You go through that territory, and Duke Geo. will get hold of you." Luther said, If it rains Duke Georges I'm still going to go to Wittenburg in order to do what I think the Lord wants me to do."

He stopped one place at a little inn for a meal, and as he sat there he took out his Hebrew Bible and began to read it. Somebody said, What's that, a knight reading a Hebrew Bible? And they asked had all kinds of guesses who it might be. But fortunately no word was taken to the authorities. He got safely back to Wittenburg. He began preaching: God is God of order. We must study the Scripture. We must see what it teaches. We must follow it. We must not make big sweeping changes and have/everyman doing what is right in his own eyes. He established order in Wittenburg and then he went ~~out~~ around to other places and preached. And God enabled Frederick the Wise to protect him. God brought other people to his support. God built up the reformation. Luther said, It is all of God. God is the one who controls all things."We think of the sovereignty of God as connected with Calvin. Yes Calvin was a great hold of the sovereignty of God, but not a bit stronger than Luther was. In fact the only difference between Calvin and Luther was a difference over the Lord's Supper. On every other point they agreed as far as I know == every other important point certainly.

Now just a word about Luther's weaknesses. God was a f afraid we would honor this great man who did so much for the Lord's cause. The Lord does not want us to idolize anyone except the Lord Jesus Christ. Calvin was afraid of that. Calvin when he died gave orders that he be buried in the middle of the night in a place where nobody would know where it was because so many people were idolizing him and he did not want them to make a shrine out of where he was buried.