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ordinary bread? There are many questions like that that the Lord could have settled with one word. But He did not chose to do so. The Christian church has been divided by ideas as to how the communion would be performed. Luther had his own ideas. Luther was a great man who stood for the great things of the Word. No one gives him greater praise than I do. But I believe it was a great flaw in Luther that on this particular point when Zwingli differed with him he refused to take Zwingli's hand. They agreed on all the great doctrines, but Luther said you do not have our spirit and refused to work with him. Humanly speaking there was a the danger that the Reformation movement would be stifled because they could destroy the two parts separately. The Reformation was divided into two parts because of a disagreement over a ceremony. I think this is one of the wiles Satan uses to hinder and interfere with true Christian testimony.

I'd like to say something about another wile related to this. This I call lack of balance. Satan pulls and pulls like a tug of rope. We are pulling standing for the truth. He pulls and pulls and pulls. Then if he can't pull us across the line he just lets go of the rope and we fall over backwards. That is his policy. If he can't get us to go away from the truth, he will get us to take one element of the truth and emphasize it to the point where we fail to give proper emphasis to other points of truth.

There was a meeting in a city a few years ago of a group of Christian ministers with the idea of forming some kind of organization where they would stand for the Word of God, and one godly minister quoted Jude. He said, My Bible says contend earnestly for the faith. And the other man said, But my Bible says