

next Sunday." And so Luther preached; and Luther took the deep things of the Word that he had dug out in his study of the Greek New Testament, and he put them in simple language for the common people of Wittenberg, drawing on his peasant background, taking illustrations from his early life, and they found he had a marvellous gift of exposition. And soon the people were thronging around and hearing the Gospel as this gifted man of God was able to present it.

But then we must hurry on and mention the indulgence controversy. The background of the Indulgence Controversy, Luther didn't know anything about, until long later, but it seemed that there was a prince in Germany who was anxious that his younger brother should also have an important position and so he had gotten his younger brother made bishop of a large section of Germany. And then he had gotten him made archbishop of another large section, but that wasn't enough for him, so now there was a third section which was vacant, and he wanted him to be archbishop of that. And of course, one man couldn't do all that work possibly, and this young fellow about 21 years of age didn't have any interest in it anyway, but he wanted the money and from it, and wanted the honor from it, and so the brother went to the Pope and asked the Pope to give a special dispensation so he brother could have all these positions in the Church. And the Pope agreed, for a rather large sum of money, to give it to him; and this money had to be paid, and so the Pope made a very special Indulgence.

And this Indulgence was the finest Indulgence that ever yet up to that date had been given. This Indulgence, as the man who went about preaching it explained, this paper signed by the Pope was one which if you had that you were free from all sin--if you