

had that paper even your future sins you were already pardoned for--you had nothing to worry about: in fact, if you had this paper your loved ones who had gone to Purgatory you could release from Purgatory by simply having this paper. And so, the paper was given and the Monk Tetzel began to sell it in different parts of Germany, but the Elector who controlled the section where Luther lived, would not allow him to sell it in that section. But Tetzel would come into a town and the heads of the town would meet him, he'd come to the church and there he would beat his drum and then he would tell them the wonderful things about this Indulgence. He'd say, "Put your money here in the box and just as fast as your money drops into the box, the soul of your loved one flies up from Purgatory to Heaven." Now of course, later on when Luther pointed out how absurd that was, the Catholic theologians said, "Oh he didn't say that it would rise to Heaven then when your coin dropped in. All he said was that "just as fast as your coin dropped down" that's how fast the soul of your loved one goes to heaven when and if it ever goes there." But that's not what the people thought that they heard Tetzel preach. And so, Tetzel sold these Indulgences.

Now they don't sell indulgences like that in the Roman Catholic Church today, but they do sell all kinds of indulgences, usually not for money. But you will read in announcements of the Roman Catholic Church today "you go to a certain church so many times, you say a certain prayer, you'll get an indulgence of five years from purgatory." The Pope says that if you will read twenty minutes in this New Testament every day, you will get at least three months' indulgence from Purgatory." Well, why should you bother to read the New Testament because you can get several