

them in a very good way. Carlstadt, one of Luther's associates there, said, "Well," he said, "this idea that priests, that church leaders, should not marry--there's no evidence for that in the Scripture!" Well, Luther hadn't thought of that as yet. They wrote to Luther about it and Luther said, "Well," he said, "they won't fasten any wife onto me," he said. But Luther said, "I don't find any evidence in the Scripture." He looked over Carlstadt's arguments and they weren't very good but Luther wrote a better argument. He wrote a good, careful study from the Scripture and sent it back. And the church leaders in Wittenberg began to get married, and the people began to leave the convents and the monasteries, and Luther's writings were helpful toward that, and there were various things done.

And people began to go beyond it, and some people came in and they said, "We're prophets today just like they were in the Old Testament times." And they said, "God is going to use us to destroy all the wicked in the world--they're going to be killed by our efforts, and we're going to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, here, according to the way that God is speaking to us." Well, God speaks to us today through His Word, and when someone tells you that God is giving them a message today, you'd better be suspicious of that person. God gave messages directly to the prophets in ancient time, but now He's given us these 66 books which contain His Word for today and He wants us to study them and find what he wants us to know there. When these prophets came in and began to have an influence in Wittenberg, and then Carlstadt read in the Bible, it says, "Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and proven and revealed them unto babes." So Carlstadt said, "What's the use of all this