

there are as many devils in Wormes as there are tiles on the house-tops, I'm going to go there and witness to the truth!" But Luther wasn't satisfied with that and every town they would come to he would say, to the Imperial Representative who was taking him, "Say, can't we stop and preach ere." And they would stop and go into a church and he would preach.

One time he was preaching in one of the church, and the people wanted to hear this man that was this great heretic the Pope had excommunicated - let's see if he's as bad as they say he is -- and so many people crowded into the church that one of the whole side-walls of the church fell out and the people ran out from the church crying, This must be a terrible fellow that the place breaks to pieces when he speaks!" Luther called out, Come back here, come back here; the devil's trying to keep you from hearing the Gospel." So the people came back and Luther gave them the message of salvation, as he did everywhere he could.

Luther go to Wormes. There he stood before the Emperor. They were busy with all kinds of business during the day and it came to be 4 p.m. and they brought Luther in and he stood there. And Luther the son of a peasant who had rarely seen a Duke or a great important person in his life -- if he did it was at a distance -- Luther was brought there and here were all the electors, dukes and leaders of Germany there with the Emperor. Luther was way out on the end, and the Chancellor said, Martin Luther, Are these your books? He had all Luther's books on the table. Luther said, Yes, those are my books. He said, M. Luther, Will you recant what is in these books? Luther looked at the people around and said: Give me 24 hrs. The Emperor turned to the man next to him and said, "That fellow would never make a heretic out of me." Luther said give me 24 hrs. to consider. The Chancellor said: You've know ever since you were to be brought here that you were brought here to face this question! Luther said, Give me 24 hours to consider. He said, The Emperor will give yo 24 hrs. and we will meet with you tomorrow.

Luther went to his inn and there that night he stood before the king of kings. Before whom earthly emperors and earthly potentates are as nothing. The next afternoon he was entirely different. He stood before the King. He was respectful, he was courteous. He was definite and he was clear. When they asked him the question, he said, There are somethings in those books I'm sure that can be proven to be contrary to matters in the Word of God. I readily recant anything that's contrary to the Word. of God. There are some things in those books that the Word does not speak one way or the other on. If it is the Emperor's desire I gladly recant them. But there are matters there that are statements of what the Word of God teaches, and I would be false to my Lord if I recanted any of them. I must stand on them. Here I stand (there is nothing else I can do) so help me God! The whole assembly was tremendously impressed including the Emperor by Luther's stand. Then Luther went back to his inn. The Emperor Frederick said soon after: The representatives of the Pope are going to be working on the Emperor. They are going to get the Emperor to make you an outlanw; and I can't protect you if they do. He said to his chaplain: I can't protect him if they do.. He said to his chaplain,