

Theoretical he could be a subdeacon in this country, and be a cardinal in the church of Rome, in fact, in the middle ages we have many men who were subdeacons in different parts of Europe who happened to be the son of a King or some prominent position and the pope delighted to honor him so he made the man a cardinal, but they were very far from having any influence in their own area, in other words

We looked at the papacy and the Franks the last time, the very vital development which the Franks, the Frankish kings got advantage from the relation to the papacy and the papacy got advantage from them. And it helped to establish the papacy in the position it could never have otherwise. Now we go on to the ninth century number IX 800-900. We are going to run rather briefly through this century though it was just as long as any other century. There were many people who lived in it and many who had things happen in their lives and they were interesting events, which occurred, from the view point of church history it is not important as some of the other centuries, there were not as many things that occurred, in importance to us today, there were a few and we want to look at those few outstanding ones. So I am going to make a simply a general view of the century and for the general view of the century, as to the political situation, you still have the empire in the east, but the empire in the east has recognized the western empire, they have recognized as nothing new, they have recognized they have an eastern and western emperor. The power was made slight in the west for a long time but it did not harm to recognize this fact. Our interest in this course is more, yes with these two to quite an extent though not specifically with the individual rulers to any great extent, in this century in the rapid way we are going to look at it. Now for the west our interest is naturally greater because it is nearer to us and in the west Charlemagne who had established the Holy Roman Empire was succeeded by his son, whose name I am not going to make you remember because he is not a figure of one-fifth the importance as Charlemagne, though he succeeded him and was probably more important historically than most historians recognize. He reigned for about 40 years as emperor.