

years just by going to a certain church? Going to a service is much easier than by reading the Bible. But you get an indulgence of so many years from Purgatory, but of course, the joker in it is that nobody knows how many years we are supposed to stay in Purgatory all together. So if you get an indulgence of 100,000 years from Purgatory how do you know but what you have another, 100,000 years to stay there? Nobody knows. When a Pope dies today, priests all over the world perform masses for the soul of that Pope in order to try to get him out of Purgatory. Now if it takes all that to get a dead Pope to try to get him out of Purgatory, what chance does the ordinary person have that can't pay for thousands of the masses that the Pope gets?

But this indulgence system came near to Luther because his people would go across the river out of the Elector's territory and they they began buying these indulgences papers. And a man came into the confessional to Luther and began to tell Luther of his sins, and Luther said, "Do you repent of these sins? Do you turn away from them with all your heart?" The man said, "No, I don't." "Well," he said, "are you determined not to do such things any more?" The man said, "No. I'm going to continue them; but, the man said, "you must give me the absolution; that is, you must assure me that I'm forgiven for these sins." "Well" Luther said, "I won't do it." He said, "If you're not truly repentant, how could I say that you're absolved from your sins." But the man said, "I've got a paper here--I got a paper here that this Monk Tetzel is selling. He beats a drum and he sells these papers." And Luther looked at it and said "I'd like to break a hole in his drum."