

"I'm going to do it!" And he said, "I'm breaking your orders to go. It's not your responsibility if I'm killed." "Well", somebody said to Luther, "If you go there you'll have to go through Duke George's territory." And he was one of the greatest enemies of the Reformation. Luther said, "If it rained Duke Georges, I'd still go."

So Luther disguised himself as a monk and started for Wittenberg. On the way he was almost caught because one day somebody came to an innkeeper and he said to the innkeeper, he said, "Do you know what's happening in your front room there?" The innkeeper said, "What is it?" "Why" he said, "There's a knight there sitting at the table and he's reading the Hebrew Old Testament." Did you ever hear of a knight who could read Hebrew?" Well, fortunately, the innkeeper was kindly disposed and they didn't investigate; but this was in Duke George's territory. But Luther went on; he went to Wittenberg; they announced he was going to preach the next day, and for the next eight days, every day, Luther preached; and he preached that God is a God of order, that this Word is God's command for us; that we are to study the Word, we are to find out what it says, and are to follow it, and we are to move in orderly fashion by moral suasion and not with use of forceful means, and Luther gave these sermons and he settled down the situation in Wittenberg; the people were no longer interested in these self-styled prophets; the people settled down to the study of the Word and to going forward and building a movement for God. And then Luther went through all the surrounding territory preaching that way. For the next three years he thought every day that the emperor's forces would come and kill him. When they didn't, after three years, Luther did get married and had a very happy married