

"It is a sure mark of grace to desire more."
- Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843)

*"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings:
and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness
they may speak thy word,"* [Acts 4:29](#)
- Apostle Peter (33 AD)

[Martin Luther](#) (1483-1546) declared his opposition to the Roman Church's corruption on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, 1517, by nailing his [95 Theses](#) of Contention (*"Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences"*) to the [Wittenberg Church](#) (Castle Church) door. Luther, who would be exiled in the months following his appearance before the [Diet of Worms Council](#) on Tuesday, April 16, **1521** that was designed to martyr him, would translate the New Testament into German for the first time from the 1516 Greek-Latin New Testament of [Erasmus](#), and publish it in September of **1522**. He was accused of renewing the errors of [John Hus](#) (1396-1415) and [John Wycliffe](#) (1320-1384) by making the Scriptures his final authority. Luther also published a **German Pentateuch in 1523** and another edition of the **German New Testament in 1529**. In the 1530's he would go on to publish the entire Bible in German.

Below is the prayer [Martin Luther](#) penned on Monday, April 15, 1521, the night that he was given to think over whether he would recant his [95 theses](#). Luther was being asked to recant and renounce his views regarding his writings and his attacks on the Roman Catholic Church's doctrines particularly the doctrine of salvation. The Diet wanted Luther to affirm the Catholic teaching regarding indulgences and righteousness through merits. When you read Luther's prayer in light of what he faced (death), you see his boldness in praying. His prayer echoes man's petitions to God found in the Psalms.

"O God, Almighty God everlasting! how dreadful is the world! behold how its mouth opens to swallow me up, and how small is my faith in Thee! . . . Oh! the weakness of the flesh, and the power of Satan! If I am to depend upon any strength of this world - all is over . . . The knell is struck . . . Sentence is gone forth . . . O God! O God! O thou, my God! help me against the wisdom of this world. Do this, I beseech thee; thou shouldst do this . . . by thy own mighty power . . . The work is not mine, but Thine. I have no business here . . . I have nothing to contend for with these great men of the world! I would gladly pass my days in happiness and peace. But the cause is Thine . . . And it is righteous and everlasting! O Lord! help me! O faithful and unchangeable God! I lean not upon man. It were vain! Whatever is of man is tottering, whtaever proceeds from him must fail. My God! my God! dost thou not hear? My God! art thou no longer living? Nay, thou canst not die. Thou dost but hide Thyself. Thou hast chosen me for this work. I know it! . . . Therefore, O God, accomplish thine own will! Forsake me not, for the sake of thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, my defence, my buckler, and my stronghold. Lord - where art thou? . . . My God, where art thou? . . . Come! I pray thee, I am ready . . . Behold me prepared to lay down my life for thy truth . . . suffering like a lamb. For the cause is holy. It is thine own! . . . I will not let thee go! no, nor yet for all eternity! And though the world should be thronged with devils - and this body, which is the work of thine hands, should be cast forth, trodden under foot, cut in pieces, . . . consumed to ashes, my soul is thine. Yes, I have thine own word to assure me of it. My soul belongs to thee, and will abide with thee forever! Amen! O God send help! . . . Amen!"

- **Martin Luther**

[A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, A Bulwark Never Falling](#)

- *Martin Luther*

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim -
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs -
No thanks to them - abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is for ever.

Amen.

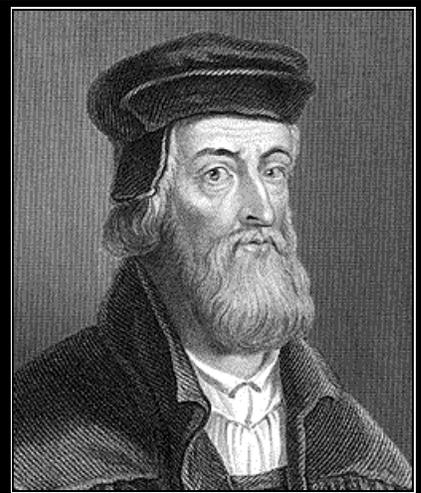
The Prayer of Martin Luther: The Night Prior to Appearing at the [Diet of Worms](#)
"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of host" [Zechariah 4:6b](#)

In the library at Prague there is displayed a triad of medallions dated 1572. The first contains the figure of John Wycliffe striking sparks from a stone, the second [John Hus](#) kindling a fire from the sparks, the third [Martin Luther](#) holding high a flaming torch. The medallions tell in symbolic form the story of the Reformation as it began, continued, and crystallized under the touch of an Englishman, a Bohemian, and a German.

[Martin Luther](#)
1483-1546

[John Hus](#)
1369-1415
Forerunner of Martin Luther

[John Wycliffe](#)
1320 - 1384
'Morning Star of the Reformation'



"Unless I am convicted [convinced] of error by the testimony of Scripture or (since I put no trust in the unsupported authority of Pope or councils, since it is plain that they have often erred and often contradicted themselves) by manifest reasoning, I stand convicted [convinced] by the Scriptures to which I have appealed, and my conscience is taken captive by God's word, I cannot and will not recant anything, for to act against our conscience is neither safe for us, nor open to us. On this I take my stand. I can do no other. God help me."

This is the appeal of Martin Luther at to the Diet of Worms Council when asked to recant his opposition to the errors of the Roman Catholic Church.

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"The authority of the Scriptures is independent of any other authority, and is preferable to every other writing...I am certain indeed from the Scriptures, that neither Antichrist nor all his disciples, nay, nor all fiends, may really impugn any part of that volume as it regards the excellence of its doctrine."

In 1384 John Wycliffe translated the first Bible into English from the Latin Vulgate. His disciples, the [Lollards](#), made copies for the public. He was expelled from his teaching post at Oxford in 1382.

In 1428, 44 years after his death, his bones were disinterred & burned to ashes & casted into the Swift River at the hands of the Pope.

[Biography of John Hus](#)
Forerunner of Martin Luther

[John Hus](#) (1369-1415) was one of [John Wycliffe's](#) (1320-1384) followers, and actively promoted Wycliffe's ideas: that people should be permitted to read the Bible in their own language, and they should oppose the tyranny of the Roman church that threatened anyone possessing a non-Latin Bible with execution.

Hus was judged a heretic because he believed in the authority of the Bible above the pope and Canon Law. He believed that salvation from sin was by grace through Faith in Christ Jesus. In November 1414, the [Council of Constance](#) assembled, and Huss was urged by Holy Roman Emperor [Sigismund](#) to come and give an account of his doctrine. Because he was promised safe conduct, and because of the importance of the council (which promised significant church reforms), Huss went. When he arrived, however, he was immediately arrested, and he remained imprisoned for months. Instead of a hearing, Huss was eventually hauled before authorities in chains and asked merely to recant his views. The council had stated that it had done nothing more pleasing to God than to punish the Bohemian heretic. The council never dreamed that the fire it lighted under Huss in Constance that day would burst into a mighty conflagration that was to sweep inexorably over the whole world with the true Gospel of Christ. ¹

[Hus was burned at the stake on Sunday, July 6, 1415](#), with Wycliffe's manuscript Bibles used as kindling for the fire. The last words of John Hus were that, "*in 100 years, God will raise up a man whose calls for reform cannot be suppressed.*" Almost exactly 100 years later, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous [95 Theses](#) of Contention ("*Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*", a list of 95 issues of heretical theology and crimes of the Roman Catholic Church) into the door at [Wittenberg Church](#) (Castle Church). The prophecy of Hus came true and Martin Luther went on to be the first person to translate and publish the Bible in the commonly-spoken dialect of the German people; a translation more appealing than previous German Biblical translations.

¹ *John Huss Jan Hus*, compiled & Edited David L. Brown, Ph.D.[http, \(www.logosresourcepages.org/History/huss_b.htm\)](http://www.logosresourcepages.org/History/huss_b.htm).
John Huss, Pre-Reformation Reformer, Christianity Today,
(www.christianitytoday.com/ch/131christians/martyrs/huss.html?start=2).

[Biography of John Wycliffe](#)
Morning Star of the Reformation

[John Wycliffe](#) (1320-1384) was a scholar at [Oxford](#) in 1360 and well-known throughout Europe for his opposition to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, which he believed to be contrary to the Bible. With the help of his followers, called the [Lollards](#), and his assistant [John Purvey](#), and many other faithful scribes, Wycliffe produced dozens of English language manuscript copies of the scriptures from the [Latin Vulgate](#), which at the time was the only "legal" Bible. Wycliffe thought the average person, who could not read Latin, should have a way to study the Bible and to think about its meaning and disagreed that the Roman Catholic Church possessed the only accurate interpretation.

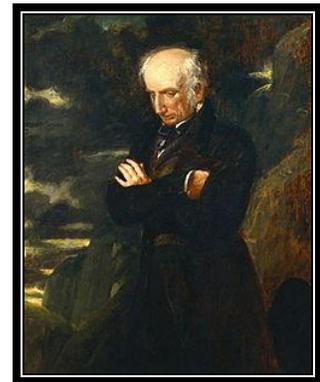
In 1382 he was expelled from Oxford, and due to his suffering a series of strokes, the authorities were prevented from taking further action against him. He died on Monday, December 31, 1384, after which his books were banned and later burned. In 1428, [Pope Martin V](#) was so infuriated by Wycliffe's teachings and his translation of the Bible into English; that he ordered the bones of Wycliffe to be dug-up, crushed, and scattered in the [River Swift](#); 44 years after Wycliffe's death.

John Wycliffe is considered the main precursor of the Protestant Reformation, and is referred to as the 'morning star' of the reformation. He was born at [Ipreswell](#) (modern [Hipswell](#)), Yorkshire, England, and died at [Lutterworth](#) (near Leicester). The following poem was written in memory of Wycliffe by [Williams Wordsworth](#), a major English Romantic poet.

"Wycliffe"

by
[Williams Wordsworth](#)

*Wycliffe is disinhumed,
Yea, his dry bones to ashes are consumed
And flung into the brook that travels near;
Forthwith that ancient Voice which streams can hear
Thus speaks (that Voice which walks upon the wind,
Though seldom heard by busy human kind):
As thou these ashes, little Brook! wilt bear
Into the Avon—Avon to the tide
Of Severn—Severn to the narrow seas—
Into main ocean they,—this deed accurst,
An emblem yields to friends and enemies,
How the bold Teacher's Doctrine sanctified
By truth, shall spread throughout the world dispersed.*



William Wordsworth
1770 - 1850

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Louis Kole

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Exhort

You *can* know for yourself the identity of the *100%* pure; inerrant, preserved *copy* of the Word of God by the aid of the Holy Spirit; the *Author, Superintendent* and *Teacher* of the Word of God. This is the promise of God and the witness of the saints.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you." ([John 16:13-14](#))

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." ([1 John 2:27](#))

[Francis Turretin](#)¹ 1623-1687 (brackets and emphasis mine):

*"By **original** texts, we do not mean the **autographs** [originals] written by the hand of Moses, of the prophets and the apostles, which certainly do not now exist. We mean their **apographs** ² [perfect copy; genuine original; 'authentic'] which are so called because they set forth to us the word of God in the **very words** of those who wrote under the **immediate inspiration** of the Holy Spirit."*³

God bless,

Louis M Kole

[Hymn ~ Come, Gracious Spirit- Heavenly Dove!](#)

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." ([Revelation 3:11](#))

¹Gerstner, called Turretin, "**the most precise theologian in the Calvinistic tradition.**" *Turretin on Justification* an audio series by John Gerstner (1914-1996) a Professor of Church History at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Knox Theological Seminary.

² Apograh means "**a perfect copy, an exact transcript**". This is the same witness of the authors of the Westminster Confession when they described their *copy* of the Word of God as '**authentic**', which [Webster's 1828](#) dictionary defines as "**having a genuine original**".

³ Turretin, *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*, (Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1992 reprint), 1:106. See also Robert Barnett, "Francis Turretin on the Holy Scriptures," a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Dean Burgon Society held at Calvary Baptist Church, Ontario, Canada, in 1995.

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Hymn ~ *We Rest on Thee, Our Shield and Our Defender!*

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