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Ein Prediger muss nicht allein *weiden*, also dass er die Schafe unterweise, wie sie rechte Christen sollen sein, sondern auch daneben den Woelfen *wehren*, dass sie die Schafe nicht angreifen und mit falscher Lehre verfuerehen und Irrtum einfuehren.

Luther

Es ist kein Ding, das die Leute mehr bei der Kirche behaelt denn die gute Predigt. — *Apologie*, Art. 24

If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? — *1 Cor. 14:8*

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Miscellanea

May a Catholic Be Married by a Protestant Minister?

The following paragraphs, taken verbatim from a book by the Catholic theologian Michel Mueller, entitled *God, the Teacher of Mankind*, will bear out the contention, occasionally voiced in these pages, that the Pope hates Protestantism as much today as ever. We quote:

“A Catholic who goes to a Protestant minister to be married commits a mortal sin and is unworthy to receive the sacraments until he does true penance.

“It is a most wicked and detestable thing that Catholics should ever so far forget all dictates of faith and piety as to be united in the bonds of matrimony before a heretical preacher, in contempt of the Church of God and of the sanctity of this sacrament. Such an act is a public apostasy from the Catholic faith; it separates the guilty parties from the body of Christ; it cuts them off from the communion of saints; it draws upon them the curse of God. ‘Bear not,’ says St. Paul, ‘the yoke together with unbelievers: for, what participation hath justice with injustice, or what fellowship hath light with darkness? And what agreement hath Christ with Belial?’ that is, the devil. Woe, therefore, to those who make themselves guilty of such an impious deed!

“The blessing of God is needed upon all our actions; it is needed especially upon those actions which are of great importance. Not to care for the blessing of God, is to despise God himself. Such a contempt of God has often been severely punished, even in this life.

“In the village of H—, Tyrol, there lately occurred a very striking instance of divine retribution. An inhabitant of the village was about sitting down to his dinner when a neighbor accosted him with the usual pious salutation: ‘Gesegen’s dir Gott!’ (May God bless it.) ‘No occasion for a blessing,’ the scoffer replied; ‘when I am hungry, I will eat again.’ Shortly afterward this man was attacked with a disease of the stomach, in consequence of which he could eat no solid food, and the liquids of which he partook were immediately ejected by the rebellious stomach. After lingering a few months in this condition, devoured by hunger and reduced to a skeleton, the unfortunate man died. His punishment should teach those a lesson who go to be married before a Protestant minister in contempt of God and of his blessing bestowed upon those who marry in Christ and his Church.”

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Corrigenda

In the article “Luther: A Blessing to the English. I. The Lutheran Invasion” (February, 1942) read:

P. 113, line 21 from the top: “Hole” instead of “Hob.”

P. 115, line 16 from the bottom: “Tunstal” instead of “Tunstad.”

P. 118, line 21 from the top: “Roper commended the happy state of the realm, to which More replied:”.