

Luther burns the Papal Bull of His Excommunication from the Catholic Church



Luther was forcibly ejected from the Romish Church, because he had confessed the pure doctrine of God's word. He therefore desired to show the whole world what he thought of such an excommunication. On the 10th of December, 1520, at 9 o'clock in the morning, a fire was kindled at the Elster gate of Wittenberg, and, in the presence of a large assembly of doctors, masters and students, Dr. Luther cast the bull which had been sent him, together with the papal Canon Law, into the flames, saying: "Since thou hast vexed the Holy One of God, may the everlasting fire vex and consume thee!"