

* They shall bring you before their counceils, they shall persecute you, and cast you in prisoe and bring you before kings & preidents for my name. &c. Luke, 21.

* The sayde concilium malignatum.

Many shall come in my name and shal deceiue many. Marke 13.

To appeale to Christ is derogatory to the popes holynes.

Veritie condemned for heretic.

I. Hus cleareth himself of obstinacy

Lords in Christ of the holy Church of Rome, Cardinals, Patriarkes, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Prelates, & Doctours of diuinitie and of both lawes in great number assembled and gathered together, this most sacred & holie Council of Constance declared & determineth y articles about said (the which after due conference had, are found in his bookes written with his owne hand, the which also y said John Hus in open audience, before this holy Council, hath confessed to be in his bookes) not to be Catholike, neither worthy to be taught, but that many of them are erroneous, some of them to be wicked, other some to be offensive vnto godly eares, many of the to be temerarious and seditious, and the greater part of them to be notoriously hereticall, and eue now of late by y holy fathers and generall Councils, reponed & condemned. And for so much as y said Articles are expressly contained in the bookes of the said John Hus, therefore this said sacred Council, doth condempne & reponde all those bookes which he wrote, in what forme or phrase soener they be, or whether they be translated by others, & doth determine and decree, that they all shall be solemnly & openly burned in the presence of y clergy & people of y city of Constance, & elsewhere: adding moreover for the premises, that all his doctrine is worthy to be despised & eschewed of all faithful Christians. And to the intent this most pernicious & wicked doctrine, may be utterly excluded & shut out of the Church, this sacred Synode doth straightly command, that diligent inquisition be made by y ordinaries of the places by the Ecclesiasticall censure, for such treatises and works, and that such as are found, be consumed & burned with fire. And if there be any found, which shall contemne or despise this sentence or decree, this sacred Synode ordaineth and decreeth that the ordinaries of the places, and the inquisitors of heresies, shal proceed against every such person as suspect of heresy.

Wherefore, after due inquisition made against the sayd John Husse, and full information had by the Commisaries and Doctours of both lawes, and also by the sayings of the witnesses which were worthy of credit, and many other things openly read before the said John Hus, and before y fathers and prelates of this sacred Council (by the which allegations of the witnesses it appeared that y sayd John Hus hath taught many euill & offensive, seditious, and perilous heresies, and hath preached the same by a long tyme) this most sacred & holie Synode lawfully congregate and gathered together in the holy Ghost, the name of Christ being inuocate & called vpon, by this their sentence which here is set forth in writing, determineth, pronounceth, declareth, & decreeth, that John Hus was and is a true and manifest hereticke, and that he hath preached openly errors & heresies lately condemned by the church of God, and many other seditious, temerarious, & offensive things to no small offence of the Diuine maicstie, and of the vniuersall Church, and detriment of the Catholike faith & Church, neglecting and despising the keyes of the Church, & Ecclesiasticall censures. In the which his errors he continued with a minde altogether inbuate and hardened by the space of many yeares, much offending the faithful Christians by his obstinacie & stubbornnes, when as he made his appeale vnto the Lord Iesu Christ, as the most high iudge, omitting and leauing all Ecclesiasticall means. In the which his appeale he allegeded many false, inuiours, and offensive matters, in contempt of the Apostolike see, and the Ecclesiasticall censures and keyes.

Whereupon both for the premises & many other things, the said Synode pronounceth y Hus to be an hereticke, & iudgeth him by these presents to be condemned & iudgeth as an hereticke, & reponeth y said appeal as inuiours, offensive, & done in derisio vnto y ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, & iudgeth the said Hus, not only to haue seduced the christian people by his writings & preachings, and specially in the kingdome of Boheme, neither to haue bene a true preacher of the Gospell of Christ vnto y said people, according to the exposition of y holy Doctours: but also to haue bene a seducer of them, & also an obstinate and stifnecked person, yea and such a one as doth not desire to returne againe to the lappe of our holy mother the Church, neither to abiure the errors and heresies which he hath openly preached and defended. Wherefore this most sacred Council decreeth and declareth that the said John Husse, shall be famously deposed and disgraded from his Prelacie orders and dignitie, &c.

Whilste these things were thus read, John Husse, albeit he were forbidden to speake, notwithstanding he did often interrupt them, and specially when he was reponed of obstinacie, he said with a loude voice: I was neuer obstinate, but as alwaies heretofore, eue so now againe I desire

fire to be taught by the holy Scriptures, and I do professe my selfe to be so desirous of y truth, that if I might by one only word subuert the errors of all hereticques, I would not refuse to enter into what peril or dager soeuer it were. When his bookes were condemed, he said: wherefore haue you condemed those bookes, when as you haue not proued by any one Article, that they are contrary to the Scriptures or Articles of faith? And moreover, what iniury is this y you do to me, that you haue condemed these bookes written in the Bohemian tongue, which you neuer saw, neither yet read? And oftentimes looking vp vnto heauen, he prayed.

When the sentence and iudgement was ended, kneeling downe vpon his knees, he said: Lord Iesu Christ, forgive mine enemies, by whom thou knowest that I am falsly accused, and that they haue vsed false witness and slanders against me: forgive them I say, for thy great mercies sake. This his prayer and oration the greater part, and specially the chiefe of the Bishops did deride and inocke.

At the last, the seuen Bishops which were chosen out to disgrade him of his priesthood, commanded him to put on the garments pertaining vnto priesthood, which thing when he had done, vntill he came to the putting on of the Albe, he called to his remembrance the white vesture which Herode put vpon Iesus Christ to mocke him with: all. So likewise in al other things he did comfort himselfe by the example of Christ. When he had now put on all his priestly vestures, the Bishops exhorted him that he should yet alter and change his minde and purpose, and prouide for his honour and safegard. Then he (according as y manner of the ceremony is) going vp to the top of the scaffold, being full of teares, hec spake vnto the people in this sort.

These Lords and Bishops do exhort and counsell mee, that I should heere confesse before you all that I haue erred, the which thing to do, if it were such as might be done with the infamy and reproch of anye man, they might peradventure easily persuade me therunto: but now truly I am in the sight of the Lord my God, without whose great ignominy, and grudge of mine owne conscience, I can by no means do that which they require of mee. For I doo well knowe, that I neuer taught any of those things which they haue falsly alledged against mee, but I haue alwaies preached, taught, written, and thought contrary therunto. With what countenance then should I behold the heauens? with what face should I looke vpon them, whom I haue taught, whereof there is a great number, if thorough me it should come to passe that those things which they haue hetherto knowne to be most certaine and sure, should now be made vncertaine? Should I by this my example astonish or trouble so many soules, so many consciences, endewed with the most firme and certaine knowledge of the Scriptures, and Gospell of our Lord Iesu Christ and his most pure doctrine, armed against all the assaults of Satan? I will neuer do it, neither commit any such kinde of offence, that I shoulde seeme more to esteeme this vile earcas appoynted vnto death, then their health and saluation. At this most godly worde he was forced againe to heare by the consent of the Bishops, that hee did obstinately and maliciously perseuere in his pernicious and wicked errors.

Then he was commanded to come downe to the execution of his iudgement, and in his coming downe, one of the seauen Bishops afore rehearsed, firste toke awaye the chalice from him which he helde in his hand, saying: O cursed Judas, why hast thou forsake the counsell & waies of peace, and hast counsailed with the Jewes? we take awaye froe thee this chalice of thy saluation. But John Hus received this curse in this manner: but I trust vnto God the father omnipotent, and my Lorde Iesus Christ, for whose sake I do suffer these things, that hee will not take awaye the chalice of his redemption, but haue a stedfast and firme hope that this day I shall drinke thereof in his kingdome. Then followed the other Bishops in order, which every one of them toke awaye the vestiments from him, which they had put on, eche one of them geuing him their curse. Whereunto John Hus answered, that hee did willingly embrace and heare those blasphemies for the name of the Lord Iesus Christ. At the last they came to the raising of his shauen crowne. But before the Bishops would go in hand with it, there was a great contention betwene them, with what instrument it should be done, with a calour, or with a paire of sheares.

In the meane season, John Hus turning himselfe toward the Emperour, saide: I manuell that forsomuch as they be all of like cruell minde and stomacke, yet they can not agree vpon their kinde of crueltye. Notwithstanding, at the last they agreed to cut off the skinn of the crowne of his head with a paire of sheares. And when they had done that, they added these words: now hath the Church taken

They condemne the bookes written in the Bohemian tongue, which they neuer read.

Hus prayeth for his enemies.

I. Hus commanded to put on the priestlies garments.

I. Hus his oration vnto the people.

The disgrading of Ioan Hus.

The wordes of I. Hus vnto the Emperour. The crowne of Iohn Hus pared away with sheares.