

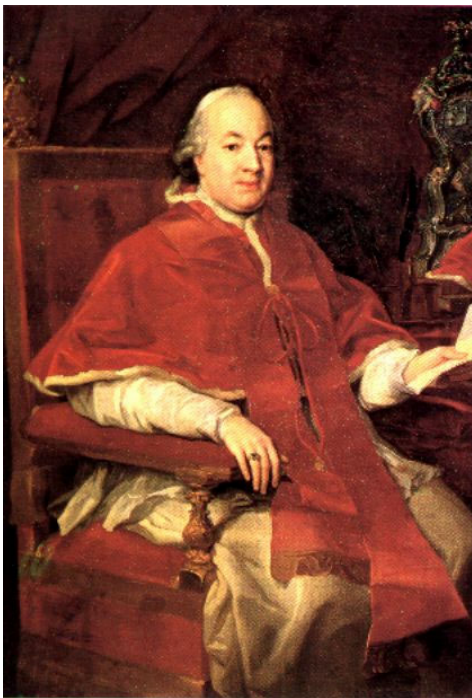
# The Leopard Like Beast's Counterfeit Worship System (Part 2)

In this lesson we will notice more on what the Bible says about the Leopard-Like beast. One of the heads of the Beast receives a deadly wound. All the world wonders after the Beast. They worship the Beast and the Dragon. What does this all mean? How are we to relate to this great Beast? What is the history of this great Beast or the Papacy as found in Revelation 13? We will look at the historical background of some of these very important prophecies.

## THE PAPACY RECEIVES A DEADLY WOUND IN 1798

1. **What happened to one of the Heads of the Beast or the Papal power? How did this happen in history? How was the deadly wound healed? What other texts in this chapter relate to this deadly wound? Rev 13:3; 17:7-11; 5 last part, 10.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>3</sup>And I saw \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ as it were \_\_\_\_\_ to death; and his \_\_\_\_\_ wound was \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ the world \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 13:3.



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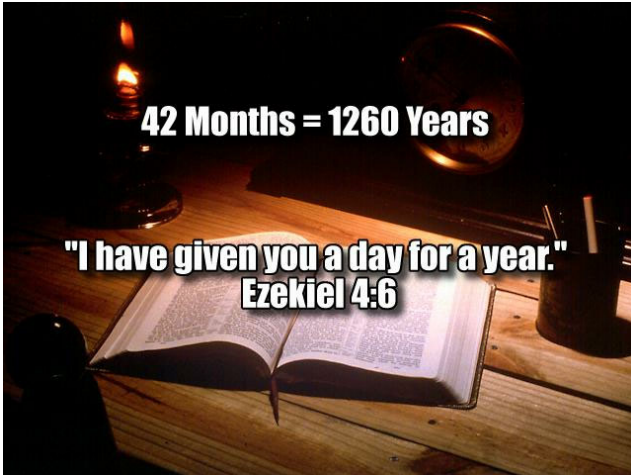


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2. If I stay in the Roman Catholic system who am I really worshipping even though it may be through ignorance? Rev 13:4; Ex 15:11; Ps 35:10; 113:5.

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only for fraud, deception, and debasing iniquity. With the elevation of human laws and traditions was manifest the corruption that ever results from setting aside the law of God. The Scriptural ordinance of the Lord's Supper had been supplanted by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass. Papal priests pretended, by their senseless mummery, to convert the simple bread and wine into the actual "body and blood of Christ."-- Cardinal Wiseman, "The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist, Proved From Scripture," lecture 8, sec. 3, par. 26. With blasphemous presumption, they openly claimed the power of creating God, the Creator of all things. Christians were required, on pain of death, to avow their faith in this horrible, Heaven-insulting heresy. Multitudes who refused were given to the flames.

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## THE PAPACY SPEAKS BLASPHEMY WITH THE MOUTH OF THE LION OF BABYLON



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**3. What was given to the Papal Beast and what did he do with it? Rev 13:5,6; 1 Tim 4:1-3; Heb 9:11; 1 Tim 2:5.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ ; <sup>2</sup>Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 1 Tim 4:1-3.

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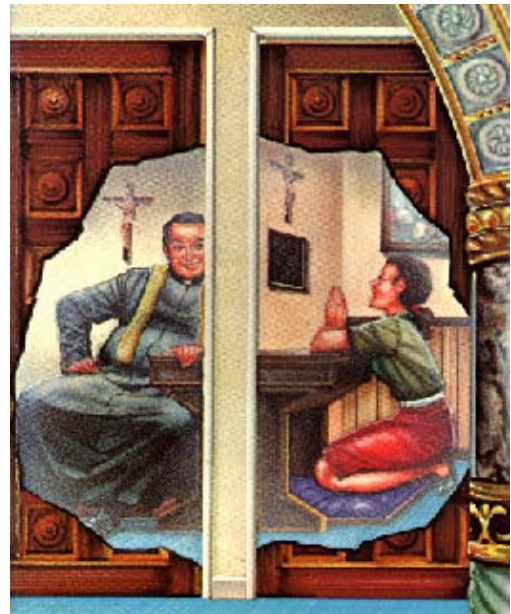
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**Blasphemy is a term** derived from a Greek word ~~καταφρονω~~ *καταφρονω* meaning to slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another’s good name or to injure the reputation of another. In the Bible it means showing contempt or a \_\_\_\_\_ of reverence for \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 24:16; Mark 2:7) or something \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 26:65), including \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ oneself \_\_\_\_\_ attributes by word or deed (Mark 14:64; John 10:33). The great things and blasphemies, we have already noticed in Lesson 21 that the Papacy claimed in fulfilment of Bible prophecy was to be able \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ sins, and for the pope and the priest to be \_\_\_\_\_ or create the Creator (Mk 2:7; Jn 10:33). These doctrines were the doctrines of devils coming \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Pagan \_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries started by Nimrod and Semiramis soon after the flood. See note below.

**Ans: c. To blaspheme his name.** We will quote again a Roman Catholic claim from their noted authors to show how the Papacy fulfils this Bible prophecy: All \_\_\_\_\_ which in the Scriptures are supplied to \_\_\_\_\_, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. “On the Authority of Councils,” Bellarmine (R.C.) book 2 chapter 17 (Vol II, page 266).

**Ans: d. And his tabernacle.** In the following quote the Roman Catholic Church claims to be able to shut up God in the tabernacle:

**Catholic Church, Roman—Priesthood—Priest Held to Be Creator of the Creator**

SOURCE: Alphonsus de Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest; or, Selva* (Brooklyn: Redemptorist Fathers, 1927), pp. 26, 27, 31–35.

[p. 26] With regard to the power of priests over the real body of Jesus Christ, it is of faith that when they pronounce the words of consecration the Incarnate Word has obliged himself to obey and to come into their hands under the sacramental species... We find that in obedience to the words of his priests—HOC EST CORPUS MEUM [This is my body]—God himself descends on the altar, that he comes wherever they call him, and as often as they call him, and places [p. 27] himself in their hands, even though they should be his enemies. And after having come, he remains, \_\_\_\_\_ at their \_\_\_\_\_; they move him as they please, from one place to another; they may, if they wish, \_\_\_\_\_ him up in the \_\_\_\_\_, or expose him on the altar, or carry him outside the church; they may, if they choose, eat his flesh, and give him for the food of others...

[p. 31] Besides, the power of the priest surpasses that of the Blessed Virgin Mary; for, although this divine Mother can pray for us, and by her prayers obtain whatever she wishes, yet she cannot absolve a Christian from even the smallest \_\_\_\_\_...

[p. 32] Thus the \_\_\_\_\_ may, in a certain manner, be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Creator, since by saying the words of consecration, he creates, as it were, Jesus in the sacrament, by giving him a sacramental existence, and produces him as a victim to be offered to the eternal Father...

[p. 33] “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the priest,” says St. Bernardine of Sienna, “is the power of the divine person; for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”

[p. 34] “Let the priest,” says St. Laurence Justinian, “approach the altar as another Christ.” According to St. Cyprian, a priest at the altar performs the office of Christ...

The priest holds the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ himself, when, by saying “Ego te absolvo,” he absolves from sin. This great power, which Jesus Christ has received from his eternal Father, he has communicated to his priests... [p. 35] The Jews justly said: *Who can forgive sins but God alone?* But what only God can do by his omnipotence, the priest can also do by saying “Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis” [“I absolve you from your \_\_\_\_\_”]...

Cardinal Hugo represents the Lord addressing the following words to a priest who absolves a sinner: “I have created heaven and earth, but I leave to you a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ creation; make out of this soul that is in sin a \_\_\_\_\_ soul, that is, make out of a slave of Satan, that the soul is, a child of God.”

But the Bible tells us something far different.

<sup>11</sup>But \_\_\_\_\_ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect \_\_\_\_\_, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Heb 9:11.

The priest has no power to shut up God in the tabernacle on earth because the tabernacle is in heaven. All the work of forgiveness of sin, mediation, and priesthood are done by Christ in the heavenly tabernacle or sanctuary. So it is blasphemy against the Tabernacle of heaven for the priest to perform any of these functions as they do every day all around the world.



Good works such as attending mass as seen here in the Vatican are considered a work of mediation by the priest on behalf of the souls in purgatory

### Purgatory, and Alleged Power of Good Works

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Other good works, too, may be performed for the Poor Souls. Especially approved throughout all the history of the Church has been the offering of alms for their sake. We are told that as water extinguishes fire, so \_\_\_\_\_ destroy \_\_\_\_\_. Without any doubt, says St. Augustine, “will the departed souls

obtain relief when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (i. e., the Holy \_\_\_\_\_) is offered for them, or alms are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church.” (Fodijsjejo, c. 110.) Such alms may of course be given anywhere. “We are too forgetful of our dear departed,” St. Francis de Sales often said.

**Papacy—Claims Made for the Pope—Decisions Same as God's**

SOURCE: Augustinus Triumphus, *Vn n b l e f S p w t w o f F d d f t j o t w j d b* (“Summary Concerning Ecclesiastical Power”) (Augustae Vindelicorum [Augsburg]: [Johannes Schüssler], 1483), questio 6, “De Papalis Sentencie Apellatione,” fol. [61 v]. Latin.

The second reason is accepted on the part of the pope. For the pope alone is said to be the vicar of God; wherefore only what is bound or loosed by him is held to be bound and loosed by God Himself. Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God constitute \_\_\_\_\_ decision, just as the opinion of the Pope and of his assistant are the same. Since, therefore, an appeal is always made from an inferior judge to a superior, just as no one is greater than himself, so \_\_\_\_\_ appeal holds when made from the Pope to God, because there is one consistory of the Pope himself and of God Himself, of which consistory the Pope himself is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper. Therefore no one can appeal from the Pope to God, as no one can enter into the consistory of God without the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, who is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper of the consistory \_\_\_\_\_ of

life; and as no one can appeal to himself, because there is one decision and one court [curia] of God and of the Pope.

The Bible tells us:  
<sup>5</sup>For *there is* one God, and one \_\_\_\_\_ between God and men, the man



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Jesus; 1 Tim 2:5. So the pope, the priest, or any other man of whatever great position is speaking blasphemy against God and His tabernacle to claim to be mediators.

**Ans: e. And them that dwell in heaven.** The way that the Roman Catholic Church blasphemes those that dwell in heaven is demonstrated in the following quotes.

**Indulgences, Sale of (1512), by Tetzel**

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[p. 338] Abuses in the Sale of Indulgences, 1512.

Fr. Myconius, *Geschichte der Reformation*. It is incredible what this ignorant monk said and preached. He gave sealed letters stating that even the sins which a man was intending to commit would be forgiven. [p. 340]

Anno 1517. He said the \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ power than all the \_\_\_\_\_, all the \_\_\_\_\_ and saints, even than the Virgin Mary herself. For these were all subject to Christ, but the pope was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. After his ascension into heaven Christ had \_\_\_\_\_ more to do with the

\_\_\_\_\_ of the church until the judgment day, but had committed all that to the pope as his vicar and vicegerent.

Moreover the superiority and the power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertain only to \_\_\_\_\_ things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angels, than whom he is greater.

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Extracts from Ferraris' Ecclesiastical Dictionary (R. C.) article on the Pope.

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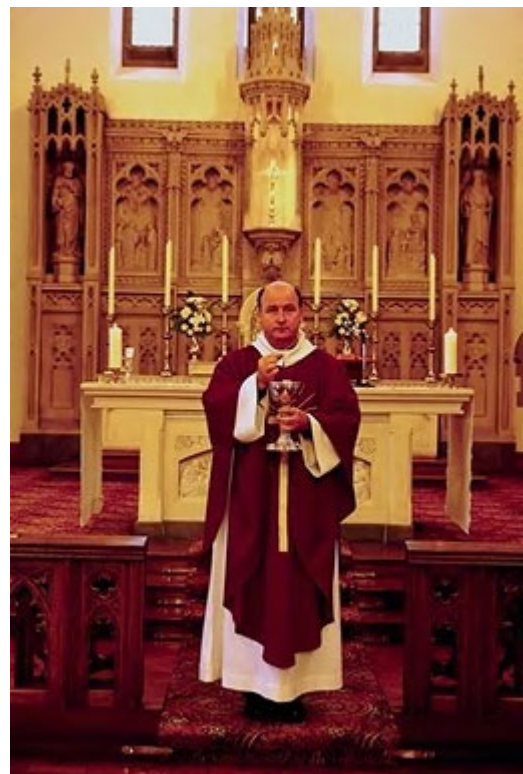
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was granted into the Babylonian mysteries. Once such confession was made, the victim was bound hand and foot to the priesthood. There can be no doubt that the confessions were made in Babylon, for it is from such recorded confessions – and only from these – that Historians have been able to formulate conclusions about the Babylonian concepts of right and wrong. "The Greatness that was Babylon," page 268, by Saggs.

The doctrine of forbidding priests to marry met with other difficulties over the centuries because of the confessional. It is plain to see that the practice of girls and women confessing their moral weaknesses and desires to unmarried priests, could easily result in many abuses. A former priest, Charles Chiniquy,...gives a full account of these abuses in his book "The Priest, The Woman, and The Confessional." We are not suggesting that all the priests should be judged by the mistakes or sins of some. We do not doubt that many priests have been very dedicated to the vows that they have taken. Nevertheless, "the countless attacks," [to use the wording of the Catholic Encyclopedia] that have been made against the confessional were not, in





many cases without basis. That the doctrine of the confessional has caused difficulties for the Catholic Church, in one way or another, is apparent. After mentioning the “countless attacks,” The Catholic Encyclopedia says: “If at the Reformation or since the Church could have surrendered a doctrine or abandoned a practice for the sake of peace and to soften a ‘hard saying,’ confession would be the first to disappear”! Vol 11, page 625, article: “Penance.”

**Blasphemy is a term** derived from a Greek word *βλασφημία* meaning to slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another’s good name or to injure the reputation of another. In the Bible it means showing contempt or a lack of reverence for God (Lev. 24:16; Mark 2:7) or something sacred (Matt. 26:65), including claiming for oneself divine attributes by word or deed (Mark 14:64; John 10:33). The great things and blasphemies, we have already noticed in Lesson 21 that the Papacy claimed in fulfilment of Bible prophecy was to be able to forgive sins, and for the pope and the priest to be God or create the Creator (Mk 2:7; Jn 10:33). These doctrines were the doctrines of devils coming from the Pagan Babylonian Mysteries started by Nimrod and Semiramis soon after the flood.

**To blaspheme his name.** We will quote again a Roman Catholic claim from their noted authors to show how the Papacy fulfils this Bible prophecy: All names which in the Scriptures are supplied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope. “On the Authority of Councils,” Bellarmine (R.C.) book 2 chapter 17 (Vol II, page 266)

**And his tabernacle.** In the following quote the Roman Catholic Church claims to be able to shut up God in the tabernacle:

**Catholic Church, Roman—Priesthood—Priest Held to Be Creator of the Creator**

SOURCE: Alphonsus de Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest; or, Selva* (Brooklyn: Redemptorist Fathers, 1927), pp. 26, 27, 31–35.

[p. 26] With regard to the power of priests over the real body of Jesus Christ, it is of faith that when they pronounce the words of consecration the Incarnate Word has obliged himself to obey and to come into their hands under the sacramental species... We find that in obedience to the words of his priests—HOC EST CORPUS MEUM [This is my body]—God himself descends on the altar, that he comes wherever they call him, and as often as they call him, and places [p. 27] himself in their hands, even though they should be his enemies. And after having come, he remains, entirely at their disposal; they

move him as they please, from one place to another; they may, if they wish, shut him up in the tabernacle, or expose him on the altar, or carry him outside the church; they may, if they choose, eat his flesh, and give him for the food of others...

[p. 31] Besides, the power of the priest surpasses that of the Blessed Virgin Mary; for, although this divine Mother can pray for us, and by her prayers obtain whatever she wishes, yet she cannot absolve a Christian from even the smallest sin...

[p. 32] Thus the priest may, in a certain manner, be called the creator of his Creator, since by saying the words of consecration, he creates, as it were, Jesus in the sacrament, by giving him a sacramental existence, and produces him as a victim to be offered to the eternal Father...

[p. 33] “The power of the priest,” says St. Bernardine of Sienna, “is the power of the divine person; for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world.” ...



[p. 34] “Let the priest,” says St. Laurence Justinian, “approach the altar as another Christ.” According to St. Cyprian, a priest at the altar performs the office of Christ...

The priest holds the place of the Saviour himself, when, by saying “Ego te absolvo,” he absolves from sin. This great power, which Jesus Christ has received from his eternal Father, he has communicated to his priests... [p. 35] The Jews justly said: *Who can forgive sins but God alone?* But what only God can do by his omnipotence, the priest can also do by saying “Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis” [“I absolve you from your sins”]...

Cardinal Hugo represents the Lord addressing the following words to a priest who absolves a sinner: “I have created heaven and earth, but I leave to you a better and nobler creation; make out of this soul that is in sin a new soul, that is, make out of a slave of Satan, that the soul is, a child of God.”

But the Bible tells us something far different. <sup>11</sup>But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Heb 9:11.

The priest has no power to shut up God in the

tabernacle on earth because the tabernacle is in heaven. All the work of forgiveness of sin, mediation, and priesthood are done by Christ in the heavenly tabernacle or sanctuary. So it is blasphemy against the Tabernacle of heaven for the priest to perform any of these functions as they do every day all around the world.

### **Purgatory, and Alleged Power of Good Works**

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Other good works, too, may be performed for the Poor Souls. Especially approved throughout all the history of the Church has been the offering of alms for their sake. We are told that as water extinguishes fire, so alms destroy sins. Without any doubt, says St. Augustine, “will the departed souls obtain relief when the Sacrifice of the Mediator (*i. e.*, the Holy Mass) is offered for them, or alms are spent in the Church.” (Fodijsēpo, c. 110.) Such alms may of course be given anywhere. “We are too forgetful of our dear departed,” St. Francis de Sales often said.

### **Papacy—Claims Made for the Pope—Decisions Same as God's**

SOURCE: Augustinus Triumphus, *Vxn n b e f S p f t w e f F d d f t j o w j b* (“Summary Concerning Ecclesiastical Power”) (Augustae Vindellicorum [Augsburg]: [Johannes Schüssler], 1483), questio 6, “De Papalis Sentencie Apellatione,” fol. [61 v]. Latin.

The second reason is accepted on the part of the pope. For the pope alone is said to be the vicar of God; wherefore only what is bound or loosed by him is held to be bound and loosed by God Himself. Therefore the decision of the Pope and the decision of God constitute one decision, just as the opinion of the Pope and of his assistant are the same. Since, therefore, an appeal is always made from an inferior judge to a superior, just as no one is greater than himself, so no appeal holds when made from the Pope to God, because there is

one consistory of the Pope himself and of God Himself, of which consistory the Pope himself is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper. Therefore no one can appeal from the Pope to God, as no one can enter into the consistory of God without the mediation of the Pope, who is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper of the consistory of eternal life; and as no one can appeal to himself, because there is one decision and one court [curia] of God and of the Pope.

The Bible tells us: <sup>5</sup>For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1 Tim 2:5. So the pope, the priest, or any other man of whatever great position is speaking blasphemy against God and His tabernacle to claim to be mediators.



**And them that dwell in heaven.** The way that the Roman Catholic Church blasphemes those that dwell in heaven is demonstrated in the following quotes.

### Indulgences, Sale of (1512), by Tetzel

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[p. 338] Abuses in the Sale of Indulgences, 1512.

Fr. Myconius, *Geschichte der Reformation*. It is incredible what this ignorant monk said and preached. He gave sealed letters stating that even the sins which a man was intending to commit would be forgiven. [p. 340]

Anno 1517. He said the pope had more power than all the apostles, all the angels and saints, even than the Virgin Mary herself. For these were all subject to Christ, but the pope was equal to Christ. After his ascension into heaven Christ had nothing more to do with the management of the church until the judgment day, but had committed all that to the pope as his vicar and vicegerent.



“Moreover the superiority and the power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertain only to heavenly things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angels, than whom he is greater.

So that if it were possible that the angels might err in the faith, they could be judged and excommunicated by the Pope.”

Extracts from Ferraris' *Ecclesiastical Dictionary* (R. C.) article on the Pope.

We [the popes] hold on this earth the place of God Almighty.

Pope Leo XIII, in an encyclical letter dated June 20, 1894, “*The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII*,” page 304.

**4. Would you like to trust in Jesus the only High Priest (Heb 8:1,2), the only mediator (1 Tim 2:5), the only Judge (Jn 5:22), the only name under heaven given among men whereby, we must be saved (Acts 4:12), leaving the traditions of man, which is a style of worship that Jesus said it was in vain to follow (Mk 7:5-13)?**\_\_\_\_\_