

Letter 180: 27 January 1524, Strasbourg, The Strasbourg Preachers to the City Council of Obernai

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[*Summary*]: After hearing the reformers preach in Strasbourg, the citizens of Obernai introduced reforms at home. This caused conservative preachers to denounce the reformers and their adherents from the pulpit and prompted the council to forbid meetings discussing evangelical doctrine. Two citizens were arrested for violating dietary laws and for speaking up against the superstitious veneration of saints. These men have merely followed the precepts of the gospel, as they should. Anyone who opposes the gospel opposes God. Rather than persecuting such men, the council should support the Word of God. The actions of the council are damaging to the city's reputation. They should instead urge the priests to read and preach the gospel.