

(8 1/2). They were given the suggestion of a long period before He comes, also the suggestion that he might come very soon. They were not to know. So Christians have been told always to be ready for Christ's return, which is stressed in the New Testament over and over, that it is like the lightning flashing from the east to the west. You can't tell when He is to come. (Student). (Are we to be ready for His rapture or for His return in glory?) I think the Lord answers that question. The Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward whom the Lord will make ruler over His household to give them their portion of meat in due season. Blessed is that servant, whom the Lord when He comes shall find so doing. I think that being ready means ~~staying in the t~~ studying the Word, giving it out, serving the Lord, till he comes, so he won't be embarrassed, if he should come today. (Student). In Matthew He tells about His coming in glory. But as far as the Christian is concerned, the vital thing for us is to be ready, whenever the Lord comes. Now that doesn't say whenever He comes in glory. And I Thessalonians, makes it very clear. I thessalonians 4, tells us that when the Lord comes, I Thessalonians 4 says, The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. That doesn't say (11). That we are to look forward to that day when we will be taken up to be with Him. And it is also told us that this will - He will bring an end to the misery, but it does not say that in one single instance of this, that He will put an end to all the misery, and destroys all the wicked

(11 1/2). But it does say the ~~th~~ first thing we know about is our Lord. (Student).

Well, we ~~are~~ are not to look for anything in the sense of being out watching for it. We ~~are~~ are to look for His return in the sense of being faithful, so that when He comes, He'll find us actively serving. But as we look forward we can learn something about what is going to happen. We can learn that He is going to take us up from this earth, and we will meet Him there. We can learn that He is going to come to this earth, to destroy the wicked (12). That He is going to set up His throne there and reign upon this earth. We learn that all these things are going to happen. And anything that we can learn about what He is going to do and what is going