

## THE RAPTURE

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The last three nights we have looked at the wonderful Biblical predictions of the millennium, and we noticed particularly how clearly Isaiah brings out the truth of this wonderful thing to which all Christians have the right to look forward. And when you get onto my age it's a wonderful comfort to know this. It's grand to know that all the strife and misery of the present world, all its war and fighting and selfishness and greed, is to be brought to an end when Jesus reigns throughout the world. It's also wonderful to know that we have another chance to do a great many of the things we like to do. I've seen a fair amount of the world, but the trouble is that for everything that's interesting you see/there are three other things you'd like to see that you haven't had time to see. I've had many very interesting experiences, but as I think of them I can think of many other things I would like to experience, like to do. And it's wonderful to know that we have that glorious millennium ahead in which we shall have an opportunity to satisfy all of the proper and right cravings and desires that God has given us that we have not had opportunity to satisfy in this life.

But now we are told that the millennium, as we are told in Rev. 20, begins after a resurrection, and that at its end there comes another resurrection. We have thus two distinct resurrections. We have the resurr<sup>o</sup> of the saved at the beginning of the millen<sup>o</sup>, and the resurr<sup>o</sup> of the lost at the end. Post-millenniumists and A-millenniumists (sp?) like to talk about the general resurr<sup>o</sup>, but there is no such phrase anywhere in the Bible. I think the nearest perhaps that we get to anything like that is found in Daniel; in Dan<sup>o</sup>, the 12th chapere, the second verse, where you read, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting cntempt." But you notice this does not teach a general resurr<sup>o</sup>. It says that there will be resurrections, to life, and resurrections to misery, but it does not say they come at the same time. It fits perfectly with the teaching of Rev<sup>o</sup> that the millen<sup>o</sup> comes in between these two resurrections.

Now as we look at the Biblical teaching about the return of Christ, as He