

think the Lord is coming today? He said, I think not. He said to the third, do you think the Lord will come today? He said, I think not. Then he said, let's look here at this verse, verse 44 of Matthew 24, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." We are told that of the times and seasons we are not to know, because God wants us to be ready at any time in case the Lord ~~should~~ <sup>shall</sup> then come. Indeed we are always to have that air of expectancy. The disciples had it right from the start and they kept it up for some centuries and then they laid it aside and forgot it and the church sunk into worldliness and indolence. It is a spur the Lord has given us to know that we don't know when he is coming, but he is coming ~~and~~ some time and it might be very soon. In fact, there are many signs that lead us to think it might well be soon. We are told there will be great violence in the world and surely violence is increasing today. There will be ~~xx~~ wars and rumors of wars and we are having them. There will be turning away from God before these times and surely we have a turning away far beyond what most periods have ever seen. We are told humanity will make great advances before he comes and surely the scientific advances of the last 50 years are far beyond what the world has ever seen before. The Assyrian Empire in 7th Century B.C. in its wars could move just as fast - move its armies just as fast - as in the Napoleonic wars 150 years ago. In these last 150 years transportation has just gone forward with a bang. One of the greatest scientists who ever lived, Sir Isaac Newton, once said that he believed on the basis of his study of prophecy that the time would come when people would travel as fast as 60 miles an hour And Voltaire the French philosopher, said this just shows you how a great scientist like Newton when he gets to study the Bible can get so mixed up that he expresses utter nonsense. How could anybody ever go 60 miles an hour? Why he said, they wouldn't be able to draw their breath if they went that fast.