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We have a parallel, a close parallel, between the methods of salvation before and after, but we have different carrying out of in particular phases of the ceremonial law, so we have different dispensations. Now the Scofield Bible does in some of its notes obscure it, but it really shouldn't be classed as a separate view but as a tendency toward that misunderstanding. It's very unfortunate that this question of dispensation is confused with premillennialism, because they are two utterly distinct questions, two utterly distinct things which do not need to have any relationship to each other at all. Yes?

(Student) Not only admit it but find it clearly taught in Scripture. (Student)

(Student) Yes./ No. (Student) No. It's a different matter altogether. (Student)

No. Not at all. It has nothing to do with the question. It's a distinct question altogether. (Student) Yes. That is, I haven't heard of anybody who would make a separate dispensation between the rapture and the return of Christ. (Student) Yes. Except that I would say--I do not believe that anybody has sincerely rejected premillennial teaching on account of a disagreement over the time of the rapture. I think that people have given that as an excuse. Shalom Matthew of the University of Chicago issued a little booklet on the return of Christ about premillennialism and he said, "This crazy idea that some people have that a man is going to come down out of the skies to this earth--," he said, "It's fantastic. Of course the early Christians believed it but they were mistaken." He said, "Christian have come to see more of what Christ was really teaching, good will and human brotherhood and peace on earth that we should work for, and this idea of a man coming out of the sky is all foolishness." He wrote his book ostensibly attacking premillennialism. What he was really attacking was Christianity, supernatural Christianity, and I fear that there are many people in some of our denominations today who talk about being against premillennialism and if you pin them down, what they are against is really Christianity. I fear there are a good many individuals like that today. as a general rule, but there are individuals of whom that is undoubtedly true and it