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on which dispensational premillennialists take one view and nondispensational premillennialists another view but actually it is a problem which is distinct from premillennialism and distinct from dispensationalism altogether. You can be a premillennialist, a postmillennialist or an amillennialist, whichever you are, you must believe in the rapture of the Church. 1 Thessalonians 4 teaches it in unmistakable language. No one can accept the Bible as the word of God without believing that Christ is going to raise the Christian dead and is going to change the Christian living and to snatch them up to Himself in the air, that this great rapture is going to take place and then we shall be forever with the Lord. This all Christians must accept whatever they think about the millennium. I wrote an article in a magazine which came out just this last month on the second coming of Christ and I feel in a way as if I ought to retract part of what I said in it already. It's bad to have to go back on something you write quite as soon as this but in the article I said that every true Christian must believe in the second coming of Christ and then that if you believe in the second coming it is far more important that you accept the second coming than what you believe about the millennium. It's many, many times more important, and then you take a certain view on the millennium, pre, post or a-millennial, and it is far more important which of those you take than what you believe about the rapture. Now, I am wondering if that latter statement is true, for this reason, that the rapture is a nearer event. After all, after Christ's return I think that the Bible clearly teaches that He is going to reign in His millennial kingdom on earth. Now, suppose He doesn't. It doesn't affect our lives at present to any great extent whether He does or whether He doesn't. It does affect our lives today whether we think the world is going to be converted by the gospel, the whole world be converted, before He comes back. It changes our general attitude, but if you think that He might come within the next few years it doesn't perhaps affect your attitude tremendously, whether you think there is going to be a millennium after He comes back or not. It is, I think, a vital matter of attitude toward the Scripture, toward understanding of the Scripture, but it is not such a practical, immediate thing.