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times? "Oh, this looks as if He would be coming tomorrow. Now let's watch so that we won't be left when He comes." Is it that? Or what does this word "watch" mean? Well I went through all the cases this morning and looking at all the cases of it I was quite interested in coming to the conclusion that neither the word " " which is used four times and always translated "watch", nor the word " " which is used 23 times and usually translated "watch" is an exact parallel to either our modern idea of looking at some one, as we say "watch". "We watched a baseball team." Well, does either of these words fit that at all? We read in the Scripture "They watched Him there," but that is " ". It is neither " " nor " ". It is " " and " " is also used in that sense. We watched him. They looked at it. It is altogether different, and is it in the sense, "Watch for the car." Watch for what is coming--to be ready. Well, we have

all of which are used in the sense of looking for, waiting for, expecting, observing to see when it is going to come, but the words which are used in these commands to the disciples are " ". Those are the words used. Now, *βεβήκειν*, is used only four times but the noun from it " " is used twice, but the word seems to mean, says, to be sleepless, to keep awake, to watch. That is the way in which he renders it. Now the first two of them Mark 13:33 and Luke 21:36 are two of the verses which refer to our present subject, our attitude toward the return of the Lord, and consequently we should not take either of them in order to determine the meaning of the word because they are the thing on which we want light shed, but Ephesians 6:18 and Hebrews 13:17 we might very well look at. Well, in Ephesians 6:18 we read, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." "Watching thereunto." Now there is no suggestion here of either looking at something or looking for something but the idea of being wide awake, of being on your guard, being intent on what you are doing,