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into them and see what they really present, what light, if any, do they throw on this matter of the rapture, how are they possibly to be interpreted? And we look at the different passages, there are quite a number of parallels, and see what we learn from the passage as a whole but I have been trying so far to guard against our getting a false impression from the words used. As I say, I want you to check these words and if you can bring evidence that my interpretation of them is wrong we will be much interested to discuss it and look into it carefully, but we have these, Matthew 24:4-44 and Matthew 25:13 to look at; we have Mark 13:33, 34, 35-37. I believe these passages rather than specific verses. We have Luke 21:36 and Luke 12:37-40. Those are the passages in the gospels. That's all that I have gathered. I don't recall any others in the gospels. I don't recall any passages anywhere which would necessarily fall right into this category aside from these, but I think that these are the ones for us to look at and see if a frequently repeated command must be given. Who is it given to? Is it to the apostles alone and not referring to future ages? Is it for all Christians at all times? Is it given here to refer to people of some one particular period and not to refer either to the apostles or to people of an earlier stage. Whom is it given for? To whom does it apply? Why does he

What is the comfort

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That is the thing that we want to look into. Now we have a few minutes left and I think we can look briefly at this general matter of the rapture, which I mentioned. Is there such a thing as a rapture or is it possibly something which is merely a theory which some few have held and which does not rest on sound evidence. Do we have to take a great deal of time in our discussion this semester on the question, "Is there a rapture?" Or is it clearly enough taught that we can spend our time discussing the question, "When is this rapture?" Now the passage on it is 1 Thessalonians 4. I was interested to note that Matthew Henry in his discussion of the passage says