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raised the question last time, we have these many passages in which this is stressed which seems to have this practical purpose to it. If it has a practical purpose then the first event in the series of events connected with the return of Christ, whether the events spread over ten minutes or two days or for two years or two centuries, whatever time it spread over, the first of them that will be , with certainly, would seem to be this one. That is the most obvious interpretation. Now we look at it to see whether we need to accept the obvious interpretation. I think we pretty well agree that it is a command addressed to all Christians, not merely to people at a distant time, and so we felt that we must interpret it in such a way that it would be a motive to Peter and Paul for their Christian work, and to all since that time, and in undertaking that there were certain possibilities raised as means by which we could say, "These men knew that Christ would not come back until after certain specific things happened. Nevertheless, the fact that they did not know the day or the hour of His return constituted an immediate motive for them for Christian life, and one suggestion that was made was a very interesting one, a suggestion that after all the deeds of our Christian life consist, not merely in things that last for a moment, but often in making plans that spread over days or weeks or even years, and consequently even if we know that Christ cannot come back until a day or a week or three years after a certain thing becomes apparent to the whole world, nevertheless it would be too late then to start carrying on the positive, constructive phases of our Christian activity and so, even though Paul might have known that Christ couldn't come back until after the beginning of a great tribulation which he would be able to recognize as the last one, yet that he couldn't carry on the Christian work he ought to all after that time began, so this would be a motive for it, all the way through. Well, now I don't think that is altogether sufficient to do away with the implication of this, that the rapture would be the first recognizable event, but it certainly is worthy of consideration in that connection. I think that if--