

so that within a year later the return might come. That is, that view would seem to me to still for all practical purposes make an any-moment rapture a thing which any Christian could look forward to, that is, there might be such signs but we wouldn't know of them. (Student) Well, that, of course, is a question of definition. That's an interesting question, too. Mr. Horner, if you have a word to say on that I want you to come up a little closer. The microphone doesn't reach quite that far, but if you don't right at the moment--I notice Mr. Sit shaking his head a minute ago and I'd like to hear what he has to say. Oh, oh--Mr. Shepperson is our roving microphone man. All right. (Mr. Sit-- Well, I have several points. I don't think there is a real question here, because as you had already pointed out there were three motives before this fourth one comes up for right Christian living, and to first of all tell us that as long as we haven't seen the signs yet not to be discouraged. That is what Paul said in Thessalonians. Secondly, may be mainly addressed to the nonchristians that after it happened they would know. As far as the Christians are concerned--(Dr. MacRae--you mean the rapture might occur and then the nonchristians would read the Bible and see the signs and know that the actual coming of Christ to the earth might be near). Mr. Sit--Yes, that's true. But also, the signs may occur and the Christians would recognize it before the rapture comes, but many Christians, of course, would not believe it, and then after the rapture comes, after the sign comes, then the nonchristians would add everything together and realize it, but it won't take away from the force that the warning had to be watchful, I believe, because the Christian doesn't merely look at these signs and ignore the first three motives and just look at the last motive, the fourth motive; it's just a motive that is over and above the others, and I think the main thing about it for us to learn is that we should--that it is just a matter of growing in love to the Lord so that we look forward to His second coming just as you would look forward to the return of some loved one. It's that motive of love and longing for His coming I think the Lord wants to emphasize there. (Dr. Mac-Rae--In these particular verses)