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language. (Student) I think "whosoever" would be better yet, that "whosoever shall be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent those who are asleep." That would surely do it, wouldn't it? And that wouldn't show whether he was or wasn't. Mr.---? (Student) It is those who are now alive and have no reason to think they won't be at the coming of the Lord. That is, they wouldn't sorrow about the others if they knew they wouldn't be alive. When they buried the others they wouldn't say, "Oh, poor John, he won't have any part in the coming of the Lord". They could say, "But you won't have either." There would be no reason to sorrow, then. They'd say, "We'll be in the same boat," if they knew. They evidently thought it might come, they thought that it was very likely that it would come while they were living. They would have a share in it and these others wouldn't, and wasn't that a shame-- How he missed out on it! You know I think a little bit there about--I mentioned Prof. John Murray of Westminster Seminary. He and I used to eat dinner together about three times a week for many years and we got to know each other very well, and I was tremendously impressed by his stories which he told me, his experiences. He was in France in the trenches in 1917 and 18, with the Scotch army, and there the Germans came forward and, with force, and they retreated, and then they held the position a little and the Germans with force and they retreated again, and day after day for months on end they were retreating and retreating and retreating and retreating and just holding their own and the Germans were pushing them back and pushing them back and pushing them back and you can imagine how dreary that would be/just being pushed back and losing out all the time constantly, and then the time came when the German force began to be spent and the time came when the German resources behind the line failed and the morale began to fail and on the other hand new recruits were coming in on the allied side and word was given that on a certain day they would begin a big push forward and on that they began a big push and in the course of a week or two they took back all that they had lost in months and the army just