

tribulation of which we can say, this is the Great Tribulation, there is none which we can recognize because if we do it would remove all we have said that in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man comes. Jesus can't come today, everything is peaceful, we have to have tribulation, no. Jesus can't come today, it's tribulation, it has to be peaceful for Him to come, no. It says in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man comes. He wants us to be ready at any time at any time in case He should come. Now ~~the~~ the first aspect of His coming is very specifically described in 1 Thess. That is a beautiful description of it in 1 Thess. 4, where Paul said in v.13 of 1 Thess. 4, but I would not have you to be ignorant, Brethren, concerning them that are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not be prevented them which are asleep. Precede would be the word in modern English for prevent. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, ~~then~~ then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we ever be with the Lord. He doesn't speak here of the Lord coming to this earth with His own. He speaks of us being caught up into the clouds to reach Him there. There is no statement here of the establishment of that universal peace and happiness upon this earth, the destruction of all that is evil, that is clearly taught elsewhere. But this is the first phase of the return of Christ, the One that interests us particularly. When is He coming? Is He coming today? Wouldn't it be wonderful! Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us who know Christ as Saviour would be caught up into the air, to meet Him in the air and to be with Him forever, and then it in His own time to come back with Him to this earth, to overcome all that is evil, and to set up His wonderful kingdom of peace and happiness and joy upon this earth.

Something we should note, however; we have all these commands to watch,