

## THE RAPTURE

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It is a strange thing, that as you look through the records of ministers' sermons, and as you look through the subjects that have been discussed in church after church through the centuries, you will find many a case where year after year there has never been a sermon preached on the rapture of the church. Even ~~good~~ godly ministers, even many who have truly ~~bel~~ believed in Christ, and in His salvation, and all the great teachings of the Scriptures, many of them have never preached ~~on~~ on this subject. And to my mind that is a ~~g~~ terrible commentary on human ~~fa~~ailty, because all of us tend to repeat what we have hear. We tend ~~to~~ to take the thoughts and the ideas that have been presented to us, and to pass them ~~on~~ ~~on~~ on, and to get our ideas from other human beings, instead of ~~fr~~ from God's Word. Anybody who believes that this is God's Word has an obligation to try to understand, not just a few verses, not just a few favorite books, but a-1 of God's Word. It is all given us for our edification. It is God's message to His people in its entirety. And when you examine the Bible in its ~~ent~~ entirety, the fact that it teaches the rapture of the church is not something that is gathered from a few difficult verses, comparing some strange ~~things~~ things together; it is a very definite, clear presentation to which almost half a chapter ~~x~~ is directed. And so anyone who studies the Bible, who believes it's God's Word, who seeks to find his leading, as God's child, in the Bible, should some day take this half a chapter, and read it, and say, "What does it mean?" - and ~~it~~ it's very simple. It's not one ~~f~~ of the difficult ~~se~~ sections of the Bible.

I call your ~~att~~ attention, then, to I ~~Th~~ Thessalonians 4, verses 13 to 18. I Thessalonians 4: verses 13 to 18: We read there, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep." Death is one of the facts