

But that is not what Matthew Arnold meant. Matthew Arnold believed that but he was using the word Rapture in the sense -- directly from the Latin -- of being snatched away, being caught up. And of course that has been deteriorated you might say in the usage of the English sense simply to mean we are caught up with joy, rather than that we are physically caught up. But here it is the <sup>description</sup> ~~description~~ of the catching up of the church -- the rapture of the church. What a tremendous event that is going to be. Suddenly we are told. the Lord descends; the voice of the archangel, the trump of God; the dead in Christ rise; and we are who alive and ~~remain~~ remain will be caught up together with them in clouds. What a tremendous event that will be. What an event it was to the disciples when they talked with Jesus after the 40 days and as they talked and wondered about what he was explaining and tried to understand it better; when they wondered how they were to witness to the Lord in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth, and they were thinking about this that they laid before them. Suddenly He began to go up into the air. What an experience they had there. But what a greater experience it will be when we all are caught up to meet him in the air. What a marvellous experience that is going to be. We will be caught up together with them in the clouds.

Now you notice it is interesting that he says that those that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him, and then he says, we'll be caught up together with them, into the clouds. Actually of course their souls will come with Him. but actually of course the soul does not occupy space specifically. So the resurrection is how we will be able to see them. They will be raised from the dead even as we have our bodies changed into the resurrection body if we are living or <sup>as</sup> ~~if~~ we are raised from the dead if we have by that time already gone to be with the Lord. And then we will be raised up with them in this sudden wonderful experience and caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. I tell you there will be a lot of surprises on that occasion. You know there are going to be some people that maybe you know a little and you don't think much of. Their character does not impress you ~~particularly~~ <sup>llllllllll</sup> particularly ~~clouds~~ <sup>clouds</sup> question whether they are really saved or not. Maybe you feel quite sure they aren't. But you are going to find some people like that going up with you into the <sup>clouds</sup> ~~clouds~~. Because only the Lord truly knows those who are his. I hate to hear somebody say to