

sorrow. Anyone who loves someone naturally sorrows when that person is taken out of their life. We sorrow, but we do not sorrow like those who do not know that ~~that~~ their loved ones have gone to be with Christ. And he gives us another reason why our sorrow should not be so extreme. "Because," he says, ~~where~~ if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also ~~which~~ which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. "For this we say ~~unto~~ unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede (the Old English "prevent" means what we mean today by "precede") shall not precede them which are ~~at~~ asleep." For the Lord himself shall descent from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the ~~trump~~ trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Now we have been talking through this week about the Book of Isaiah, and we have seen how very, very clearly the millennium is presented and described in the Book of Is°. Someone has said that it is possible to take the OT° and be a post-millennialist or a pre-millennialist, but not an a-millennialist. It is impossible to be an a-millennialist and to accept the OT° because Is° and Mic° and others give such ~~where~~ very, very clear pictures of the millennium. You have to believe in a millennium if you believe in the OT°-- which the OT° stresses quite a bit. But whether the Lord comes before or after the millennium, I think if you study the OT° clearly you see it's before, but that's not quite as clearly brought out as the fact that there is a millennium. But the ~~same~~ same person has said, "It is possible, studying the NT° to be an a-millennialist or a pre-millennialist, but not a post-millennialist, because the NT°, while it teaches the millennium, in Rev° 20, does not stress it ~~a~~ like the OT° does. But the NT° stresses the return of our wonderful Saviour, the thing we're looking for and that may come very soon, and it's impossible to believe that and to believe it will come after a thousand years of millennium. It just makes all these statements quite meaningless in the NT°. So the premillennialism is the more accurate interpretation of either testament, I would say, but I would say that beyond that a-millennialism is impossible if you interpret