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Dr. MacRae: And He included it eight times in the Scripture. Why did He include it if it was only a motive for Christian living during the last five-hundredth of the whole period? Why did He include it eight times? Why wasn't once enough? Why should thousands of Christians all through the ages have read an exhortation which has no application--does not become operative until the last five-hundredths of the whole history. Student: because the whole message of Christ's coming really becomes operative until the last part of the two thousand years. Dr. MacRae: Well, that's the point. Does it apply to all Christians at all times that they shall be watching for the coming of Christ and purifying themselves because they have this hope in them that He may come very soon, or is it a thing operating only at the end. That, of course, is a vital question. Mr.---? Student: I think we have a point there in one of these "Watch for" passages where it comes after the signs of beginning, as Mr. Horner says in Matthew 24, but Christ ~~did~~ adds, "For ye know not the hour when the Son of man cometh." Now He could have said, "Be watchful, for when, after all these signs have all hapened, I am coming, " but He said, "For no man knoweth the time when the Son of man cometh." It is just as point-blank a statement for watching in Matthew 24 as it is in the Mark and Luke passages. / We want to look at Matthew 24. I was hoping that we get as far as we are now by twelve o'clock today but some of us were a little late in getting here and we dealt with other material which was important but which I would rather have taken later on so that delayed us in our discussion on the rapture, and then we have taken a little longer than I figured on this. I want to get all the points out but I want to go on so we can get these other passages. I don't see anypoint in just jumping all over but I want to take them one after the other and in connection with this passage, I think we have pretty well come to an agreement that we have this given these seven or eight times. We are exhorted to Christian living in view of the fact that we don't know the day nor the hour when Christ comes, but if this is the rapture is the first recognizable event in the complex of events attending the return of Christ, then this is an exhortation which applies to all Chirstians