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all through history but if the rapture is an event which cannot come until after other recognizable events, then these eight exhortations do not become operative until actually the last part, the one-five-hundredth part of Christian history even though no man knew it was only the last five-hundredth; they knew during that period of 499 to 500 that it was not yet applicable; that it was something that applied later on. Well now we have those two things in mind. Now just one brief word about this. Here we have two general arrangements of possibility here. One is the rapture first, which fits in to one interpretation of these seven or eight passages, that they apply to all. If that is so, the rapture is first, and in that case, then you have a period in which Christ is dealing with the Christian in judgment for works and pouring out His wrath upon the world at the same time, at the end of which both of these come to an end, the wicked are destroyed and the Kingdom is set up. According to the other ^{view} firing the period of the tribulation you have the church still on the earth though unable to do a great deal in the way of Christian work, probably. Whether they are or not, I don't know, the Scripture doesn't say. I know I've heard it suggested that they were like the people of Egypt-- off in a corner and separate, and not really mingling with the world during that period. At any rate, they're here and then at the end of the period we have the rapture and there may be after that a month or less or more, but a brief time during which the judgment seat of Christ and marriage supper of the Lamb merely refer to something which is .. Of course, God could have in one second. He could save the whole world tomorrow, if the Holy Spirit chose, but we find in ordinary life that many things which He could do in an instant He takes quite a bit of time on. Now whether the judgment seat/takes a long period, or whether it wouldn't, would differ in each of these two ideas, and though there is quite a lot of/ a long ^{of Christ} Scripture about it, the Scripture is taught over period, but that's a separate question. All I'm interested in now is that we have the . Now, there is one other point that I would like to mention briefly right here and that is this. We have noticed that God does not reveal things simply to satisfy curiosity. They should have a practical