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who have died but the Lord Himself will move along the road from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God, and the voice of the archangel--does this mean the archangel will shout or does it mean that He will shout with the kind of a voice you'd expect an archangel to have? I don't know as you can tell from this particular verse. I am not at all sure you can tell from any verse, but at least the Lord descends with a shout whether He makes a shout like an archangel or whether the archangel makes a shout, or both, yes. and with the trump of God whether He blows God's trump or whether God blows His trump. There isn't much you can gather from this verse except that there is something which would seem to be like the ringing of a bell, the announcement that an important time has occurred, important thing is here; there is a trumpet sound and the shouting of a voice. "Hooray, here this." Mr. Alling? (Student) suggestion, very interesting suggestion. The summons. Mr. Sit? (Student) Yes. There would be a summons to signal an audience and "shout" in such a case is possibly an English word which is, for our modern sense, much too general. Now, of course, it may be that in the Old English the shout was what the officer did and " " would convey that idea to the reader. I don't know. I don't know whether it would or not but that certainly would seem to fit in very excellently here. He is not yelling with joy but he is giving forth the command. Let there be life. Let the dead rise. He's ordering them into their ranks. He's summoning them. A very interesting suggestion, and I wonder whether either of you was in Dr. Buswell's class when he discussed this passage there or whether you have been taught it elsewhere. It is very interesting. I am not familiar with that suggestion. And then, after this progress along the road has been made by the Lord and this command has been given or this shout, this trumpet, whatever it is, the dead in Christ rise first. That's the first thing that happens. Yes? (Student) Well, you can take a particular sort of a whistle and you can blow it and no human being hears the sound but a dog way off there would come running.