

easy to love to be with other people who act a certain way and talk a certain way and to think that you have accepted Christ, but have you really accepted him. Well, if you have accepted him, you are born again and you belong to Him forever. But oh, he tells us ~~the-~~ that some will be saved <sup>as</sup> by fire, and I would hate to think ~~that-~~ of those who after being born again and serving the Lord faithfully for a time ~~and~~ have been swept away by the cunning craftiness of the ~~enemy~~ <sup>enemies</sup> of the Word of God, ~~And~~ and have devoted the latter part of their lives in tearing down faith instead of building it up. Oh, how they must feel if they are now with Christ, ~~Christ,~~ Christ, ~~because-~~ because their lives were wasted, and any one of us may feel the same way. In these days when Satan's devices are so clever and are so expert and are ~~for-~~ found in so many places it would be surprising if a group as large as this did ~~not~~ not have some instances who perhaps are ardent servants of the Lord today but 10 years from now will be denying the truth, and God has put us here because He ~~wants-~~ wants us to learn to stand. ~~He~~ He wants us to learn to be ~~oak-~~ oak trees and not mushrooms. He says ~~learn~~ learn to be those who ~~can~~ can have our roots in the Word of God and can ~~stand~~ stand upon His truth. I've ~~known~~ known people who haven't liked to take the time to ~~study~~ study the Bible, to learn to ~~thoroughly~~ <sup>thoroughly</sup> understand it, they say, I should be busy winning people to the Lord. ~~I~~ I should be out preaching to the lost, well, that is ~~is~~ fine, you should be, ~~we~~ but we should be also studying His Word. I remember someone ~~said-~~ said to me, he said, I think the way that everything is going the Lord will surely come ~~before~~ before this year is over. How much better to ~~speak-~~ spend trying to reach people for Christ. Oh, how wonderful if the Lord should come back and find us winning people for Him. But the Lord doesn't want us to take that ~~is~~ attitude. You ~~know~~ know in Matt. 24 and 25 he has a great deal to say about the return of the Lord, but over and over in these two