

from my sin? Have I really recognized that I am a lost sinner deserving nothing ~~good~~ good whatever at the hand of God, and realized that I can't earn my way to heaven, no matter how hard I might ~~work~~ work? The only way I can ever get there is by simple faith, to recognize that Jesus died on the Cross, and bore ~~their~~ there the sins of all who ~~g~~ believe on His Name. And in simple faith I can ~~turn~~ turn away from my sin, and turn to Him, and be His. And if I haven't done that I ~~might~~ may preach all kinds of ~~very~~ sermons; I may understand theology as well as anybody in the world; I may be a great Hebrew and Greek scholar. I may make wonderful messages, but if I haven't personally received Jesus Christ as Saviour when the rapture comes, I am going to ~~stay~~ stay down here and not go.

Now, when is the rapture going to be? Well, wouldn't it be nice if we knew? Wouldn't it be nice. We could just go ahead and live ~~any~~ any way we feel like it until, say, three weeks ~~before~~ before, couldn't we? And then about three weeks before we'd turn over a new leaf, and we'd start in trying to be model Christians so that when the rapture came we'd be ready for it. ~~We could~~ Oh, ~~no~~ no, we wouldn't do that would we? Would you now, really? God knows the weakness of the human heart. God knows our fallibility, and so He purposely kept us from knowing when the rapture is ~~going~~ going to be. He kept us even from knowing what time of day it's going to be. What time of day is it going to be?

there - which must have ~~puzzled~~ puzzled people two thousand years ago. Oh, they must have wondered, what can this passage possibly ~~mean~~ mean - two ~~thousand~~ thousand years ago? We don't realize today, because conditions have changed. Just what a puzzle the end of the seventeenth chapter of Luke ~~would~~ would have been to the people two thousand years ~~ago~~ ago. There, Jesus said to the people, telling them about the rapture, starting with verse 34: he said, "I tell you in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, the other shall be left." Well, now we know the rapture is going to be at night, don't we. It won't be in the daytime, because He says, "in that night" there are going to be two men in one bed, the one taken, the other left. ~~Then~~ Then He continues, "Two women will be grinding together; the one taken, ~~the~~ the other left." Well, would the women be grinding in the night?