

going to be next week; it's going to be this year." No, the signs look as if it's getting nearer. There's no question, it's nearer today than it was yesterday; it's nearer this year than it was ~~a~~ last ~~year~~ year. But the Lord hasn't revealed when He's coming. He doesn't want us to be constantly trying to figure out when He's going to come. The word that is translated "Watch" here is the same word used where ~~Romix~~ Paul says of what he had done in the Lord's service, "in watchings oft." He meant in working through the night, toiling away, even though he lost ~~his sleep~~ his sleep in so doing. In watchings oft. ~~Max~~ It means ~~beyond~~ "be on the job; be vigilant; be actively serving the Lord. Be watching for all that will destroy the Lord's work - to hold it up and stop it. Be watching for opportunities to advance the knowledge of the Lord. Watch. Be on the ~~Job~~ job, for ye know now when the Son of man cometh. The rapture of the church is one of the great foundation stones of prophetic teaching.

You know you can ~~st~~ spend time trying to figure: is the rapture going to be in the middle of the week; is it going to be the beginning ~~f~~ of the week? is it going to be the end of the week? Look at this obscure vers - that obscure verse - try to compare them and figure. People spend hours and days working on such things. But a dozen times we have it stated, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And that ought to settle the matter. There is no known recognizable ~~event~~ event that must precede the coming of the Lord for His own. ~~None of these~~

Now, of course the Lord comes back again. The ~~Christ~~ Christians go to meet the Lord in the air. The wedding feast of the Lamb takes place. On earth the wrath of God is ~~not~~ poured out, and then the Lord returns with His saints to set up His kingdom upon this earth. And then all the ~~tribes~~ tribes of the earth will see the sign of the Son of man in the heavens, and they will mourn because of Him. Israel will be a nation born in a day, turning to their true Messiah. Many things will happen in that period. But for the Christian, the first event of the eschatological complex is the second return of the Lord for His saints. "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Let us pray.

XO Oh, God, our Father, we thank YO You that Your Word is yea and amen. We