

introduces the millennium, we find that we are told many things that are to come just before that great event. If you turn to Matt°, the 24th chap°, you find in verses 29 and 30 these very interesting statements: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." So when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory there are going to be great signs just preceding it, and it going to come immediately after a great tribulation. Now, of course, then, if you feel like enjoying yourself and doing a lot of things that you know the Lord wouldn't approve of, isn't it simple just to go ahead and do them, watching out for when that tribulation comes, and then be sure you repent as soon as the tribulation comes, so as to be sure that when the Lord comes He won't catch you unprepared? Well, that's not the Lord's will at all. He gives us these mentions of things that are going to happen shortly before the Lord comes. The Wicked One is to be revealed, the Anti-Christ, who is to cause such great misery on the earth; and this great tribulation, and all these signs; and yet He tells us that the Lord is to come at such a time as we do not expect Him, just at the very time when we think He won't come, that is when He's going to come. And so you see as we interpret the Scripture we have a problem facing us. We have on the one hand the Lord coming in the clouds of glory, preceded by many events that are described in the Scripture, and we have the Christian told, "Be ready, for you don't know the day nor the hour when the Lord is going to come. We were just looking at Matt° 24. Let's look on a little further in that chapter. Look at verse 36, Matt° 24:36. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Skip down to verse 42: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Skip down two more verses, to verse 44: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And turn over to the next chapter and read verse 13: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son