

and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Some good people think that the millennium is a spiritual reign, and that we are in it now. Well, it is a strange kind of millennium, and not one we are told to expect from Scripture, for the world is more wicked than ever. These days would correspond more with what we read in 2 Tim. 3: 1; Tim. 4; etc. than the Old Testament description of the millennium; nor can I find any ground for supposing that there will be a millennium before Christ comes.

What will happen when He comes? The Church will be caught up to meet Him in the air. Not a single believer will be left behind. Loved ones long separated will be re-united, and whole families of believers will be translated.

"Oh joy! oh delight! should we go without dying:
No sickness, no sadness, no dread, and no crying:
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord in glory
When Jesus receives 'His own.'"

After this the Judgment Seat of Christ. We must all appear—2 Cor. 5: 10; Rom. 14: 10-12; 1 Cor. 3: 13. We must be very clear about this judgment, as at the "Judgment of the Great White Throne" none but the wicked dead shall stand; so at the Judgment Seat of Christ none but believers, saved people, will appear. You say, but we read "We must *all* appear before the judgment seat of Christ." Yes: but these passages occur in Romans and Corinthians. Now turn to the first chapters of *each*; and in Rom. 1: 7, you will find this epistle is written to the "Beloved of God, called saints," and in 1 Cor. 1: 2, "to the Church of God, to them that are sanctified," etc. The unconverted are not included in these terms, only the redeemed. We, believers, shall stand there, not to see whether we are worthy of heaven, for we are already in heaven through the merits of Jesus Christ, but we are there to receive the reward for service done for the Master since our conversion. We read, "Every man's work shall be made manifest, the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is," and the fire I take to mean the searching eye of the Lord, for in Rev. 1: 14, we read "His eyes were as a flame of fire." If any man's work abide (that test) he shall receive a reward; "if any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss," and, beloved, as that will be an *eternal loss*, and can never be made up, we want to find out what