

quiet and the thought came to Robert's mind with great force, "The Lord has come, and I am left." He arose, and sat upon his bed, and wept. In great distress of mind he started down stairs to see if father and mother were gone, but when he reached the first step he could go no farther, but sat down in despair saying, "There is no hope for me now, I am lost and lost forever. Oh! God is it possible there is no mercy left for me." Who can describe his feelings as he sat upon that stairway long past the midnight hour. It makes one think of the awful awakening it will be for this poor world, when Christ comes and quietly takes away His people, and closes the door of mercy against every rejector, and every neglecter, of His "great salvation." Then their earnest pleading will be, "Lord, Lord, open to us;" only to be met with that soul-agonizing response; "I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded: But ye have set at nought all my council, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh: Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." Prov. i. 24-28. Dear reader, let me out of love, put the following question and ask you to answer it in the presence of God. "If Jesus Christ were to come to-day and raise the dead saints, and change the living saints, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, have them with Himself, would you be taken or left?

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