

"CAUGHT AWAY, OR LEFT BEHIND."

I THESS. IV. II THESS. II.

THESE are the words by which God is pleased to describe the condition of all who shall be alive when the Lord comes; for there will be a people positively alive on earth, some of whom shall be caught up or rapt away to meet the Lord in the air, and some of whom shall be left behind, to be deceived and destroyed, to believe a lie because they would not receive the love of the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness: words fail to describe the blessedness of the one or the terrible nature of the other.

In the fourth chapter of first Thess. we are told the order of the first, viz., the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own. This might happen *at any moment*, at most a little while, and "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Reader, I challenge your heart, are you ready? Can you say in truthfulness and honesty of soul, "Come Lord Jesus?" I feel this is a searching matter for a Christian, and it ought to be; but if one, whose *title* is clear to say it, hesitates before using such words, with what a chill ought they to fall on the ears of the one who is not ready, and has no title whatever. When the Lord comes and takes away His own, the rest are left behind. What a thought that? To survive all that is worth living for is terrible indeed. To be an inhabitant of the world when Satan is allowed to put