

When Jesus Comes In the Air
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

(the rapture)

(soldiers ready for battle)

(people praying)

I Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...

II Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

I. Christians will hear a beautiful sound, I Thessalonians 4:16.

A. (Jesus in the air) The voice of Christ, vs. 16.

1. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... vs. 16.

2. Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice...

3. (Christ saying "Come up hither, saints")

4. (the word SAINTS)

5. Matthew 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

6. Daniel 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the

most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

B. The voice of the archangel, vs. 16.

1. ...with the voice of the archangel... vs. 16.

2. (an angel)

3. Daniel 10:13 ...Michael, one of the chief prince...

4. Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

5. Revelation 12:7-8 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

6. (line of people going into heaven)

7. I Thessalonians 4:17 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.

8. John 14:1-4 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

C. God's voice, vs. 16.

1. (trumpet blowing) ...and with the trump of God... vs. 16.

II. Christians will see a beautiful Saviour, I Thessalonians 4:16-17.

A. The revealing of our Saviour, vs. 16.

1. (the ascension) ...the Lord himself shall descend... vs. 16.

2. Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

3. John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

B. The reunion with the sleeping, vs. 17.

1. (Christians rising in the air) ...shall be caught up together with them... vs. 17.

2. I Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

3. I Thessalonians 4:17 ...so shall we ever be with the Lord.

C. The rejoicing of the saints, I Thessalonians 4:18.

1. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. vs. 18.

2. (Christ on the cross)

3. (Christ hugging someone)