

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Q & A are good ways for us to study various topics.
- B. It also allows a person to have help studying a difficult topic.

I. QUESTION #1: SONG; WE SHALL SEE THE KING SOME DAY.

- A. Since we are commanded to sing, shouldn't the words of the songs we sing be scripturally, correct?
 - 1. Are the words from the song, "We Shall See the King Some Day," scriptural?
 - 2. Some objections: "On that blessed morning, clouds shall disappear..." Since the Bible teaches that no man knows the day, nor the hour, when Christ will return, save the Father (**Matt. 24:36; Mark 13:32**), singing that Christ will return in the "morning" seems not to be according to the Scripture.
- B. Answer:
 - 1. First, when we sing songs in worship, we are teaching one another (**Col. 3:16**).
 - 1) Since we are teaching, it is essential that we teach the truth when we sing.
 - 2) **1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:3-4**.
 - 2. Second, note the words: "On that blessed morning, clouds will disappear, we shall see the king someday" scriptural to be sung?
 - 1) Christ's coming will involve the entire earth (**Rev. 1:7**).
 - 2) Somewhere on the earth, it will be morning.
- C. Be careful and make sure the song is teaching truth.

II. QUESTION #2: CAN WE SING ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

- A. Our English word "rapture" is derived from the Latin raptus, the root meaning of which is to snatch or seize, and hence people have applied to term to the events of **1 Thess. 4:17**, because in that verse we find the expression, "shall be caught up."
- B. Many are surprised to learn that the "Rapture" is not a biblical subject. The Scriptures say nothing about it.
 - 1. This doctrine comes from a false interpretation of **Matt. 24:36-42**.
 - 2. What does **Matt. 24:36-42** teach the rapture?
 - 1) One will be taken and another will be left. This fits the picture given in other passages describing the Lord's return (**1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:28-19**).
 - 2) The dead will be raised, the living will be changed, all saints will be caught up with the risen saints to meet Christ in the air; the world will be burned up; we all will be taken into the Judgment, with the righteous in one assembly and the unrighteous in another—separated then and forever!
 - 3) The one taken will be of the **righteous**; the one left is of the other group.
 - 3. **Matthew 24** teaches that His coming will be sudden.
 - 1) Just as in the days of Noah.
 - 2) The world was warned. Yet, not prepared (**Matt. 24:37-42**).
- C. The "Rapture" teaches a secret "coming and judgment" of the Lord.
 - 1. The Bible message: **1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 25:31-33**.
 - 2. The Bible speaks of the Lord's return as anything but secret.
 - 3. The timing of His return is kept from us, but the reality of the event, is not!
 - 4. All will see and know of His coming (**Rev. 1:7** "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.").
- D. At His return, there will be no earth left (**2 Pet. 3:10**).