

## **WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS IN THE AIR?** *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Before we get into the subject of “**What Will Happen When Jesus Returns In The Air**”, let us establish a few facts that the Bible gives us showing the world situation just previous to His return.

#### **Note:**

*Matthew 24:32-44* - - - - - *Genesis 6:1-8*  
*Luke 17:28-36* - - - - - *Genesis 19:1-16*

As we look at the world situation today, we can certainly see that the stage is being set for the soon return of our Lord.

A large part of the Bible is filled with the truth of the Second Coming of the Lord. The Second Coming of Christ should bring comfort and hope to God’s people, and cause them to be more motivated in their service and living a life more pleasing to the Lord.

I believe the Bible teaches that Christ will come in the air and take up all believers to be with Him. Later He will come back with the saints as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and He and His followers will reign a thousand years upon the earth.

He then will defeat all His enemies, cast Satan and his followers into the lake of fire and leads His own people into eternal joy.

### **TRANS. SENTENCE:**

Today Christ is in heaven with the Father, and the Holy Spirit is at work here on the earth. There are two groups of people in the world, the saved and the lost. There is not an in between.

According to God’s Word, the next great event in the prophetic plan of God will be the coming of the Lord in the air.

Let us notice some facts about this coming.

### **I. THE GREAT SOUND – *I Thessalonians 4:16* .**

#### **A. The “Shout”**

1. When Jesus comes, He comes as a victor and there will be mighty power in His shout.
2. Jesus went one day to the grave of Lazarus and cried out, “**Lazarus come forth!**” – *John 11:38-44*. Lazarus was dead, but he heard the Master’s voice and came out of the grave.

**B. "The Trump Of God"**

1. When the trump of God sounds every saved person everywhere will fall in line and be taken up to join the great multitude in the air.
2. The shout will be so loud and the voice so clear and the trump will be so distinct that every child of God will hear and go up to meet Him in the air.

**II. THE SAVIOUR'S APPEARANCE - Acts 1:11.**

**A. "The Lord himself shall descend" - I Thessalonians 4:16; John 14:3.**

**B. The Heavens Will Burst Open And Jesus Will Come Forth In All His Glory and His Beauty.**

1. He will Shout as He descends . . . the Voice of the archangel will be heard . . . the Trump of God will sound and yonder between the heavens and the earth the Saviour waits to gather His children up out of this sinful world and take them home with Him.
2. Once before, Jesus was suspended between heaven and earth. Cruel men did it . . . they hung Him upon a Cross, a cross of suffering, but thank God there will be no suffering for Him when He comes back as a thief in the night for His own.

**III. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE ON THE EARTH WHEN HE COMES?**

**A. "The dead in Christ shall rise first" - Revelation 20:6.**

**B. The Living Christians Will Then Be Caught Up.**

**C. Another Great Event Will Also Occur. A Wondrous Change Will Come Both For The Dead And Living Saints - I Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21.**

**CONCLUSION:**

We do not know when He is coming and so it is our responsibility to be ready. Surely, we all want to be among those whom He will change and take up with Him.

I trust we all can say as John did, " - **"Even so come Lord Jesus!" - Revelation 22:20.**