

Q&A: When do you think the rapture will happen than?... Is fall 2012 the season?

Anonymous asks: *When do you think the rapture will happen than? There are now wars and rumors of war (IRAN), we will not know the day or the hour, but we will know the season. Is fall 2012 the season?*

Yes, absolutely, autumn 2012 is the season. And so was winter 2011, and spring of 1804, and, and... pick a random date. We have been in the end times for approximately 2000 years and there has never failed to be wars and rumours of wars. Every war or rumour that occurs is a testimony that we are living in an age where the work of Christ's faithfulness must, in faith, be exercised.

I don't care when the rapture will or if it will happen. How will the answer to that help me fulfil God's purpose for my life? I suspect those who are still living will meet Christ "in the sky" somehow to welcome him to his eternal kingdom. But in the meantime I will continue to worship him in every part of my life, whether it be planting a tree or writing a sermon, sharing fellowship in my church or drinking coffee with a new-found friend; with all my strength and by the love of Christ doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with my God.

Arguments about eschatological precision have always struck me as useless and vain controversies – they have no relevance to the real world! The Scriptures assures me that his kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven and so I will continue to pray that prayer and work that work with a sure and certain hope. That is enough.