### Revision

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| Lesson1 | | * What do we mean by death? * Why does it happen? * Why do Christians die? |
| Lesson 2 | | * What happens to a believer when he dies? * What happens to an unbeliever when he dies? * Is there a second chance after death? |
| Lesson 3-6 | | The second coming of Jesus Christ─ the centrepiece of biblical expectation |
| Lesson 7 | | **The Resurrection**─When Christ returns and reunites bodies with souls | changes bodies of all believers who remain alive | some clear statements in the Old Testament | literal bodily resurrection | resurrection bodies will be **imperishable**, **glorious**, **powerful**, **spiritual** | our bodies will be changed or transformed not replaced. (*Phil 3:21* *metaschematizo*, *1Cor 15:51-52*) | entire creation will be renewed as well |

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### Final judgment Part 1

God being perfectly righteous cannot simply sweep sin, wickedness and evil under the carpet. *Gen 18:25, Ex 34:6-7*

No one will be exempted. All nations and all people and all deeds will be judged. *Psalm 96:13, Acts 17:30-31, Heb 9:27, Rev 20:11-15.* Even some people who call themselves Christians find it difficult to accept this truth about the final judgment. They cannot picture the God of love as a judge. They believe that everybody will at last be forgiven and will be saved and nobody will be punished in an all-ultimate sense. This idea is called *universalism*.

**---1 God the judge is the offended party** We are not sinning against a law which is bigger than Him. We are sinning against Him. If you break the traffic law, the party most offended is God. If you nurture bitterness, the party most offended is God. If you cheat on your income tax or cheat on your spouse, the party most offended is God. But God is not disqualified from presiding nor does He withdraw Himself from judging.

**---2 God the judge loves the good and hates the evil** But God the judge loves the good and hates the evil. None can fathom the heights and depths of His love and hatred. The good will be rewarded and the evil will be damned. There is no partiality with Him. Nothing can cloud His judgment. No evidence escapes His eye. No criminal can escape conviction.

**---3 God the judge has absolute authority** Unlike the human judge,*God is the judge as well as the lawmaker*. *God sets the standard of righteousness.* It is He who defines righteousness. When God acts justly He is not conforming to a standard, but He is simply acting like Himself in a given situation. God is our Maker, He owns us, and as our Owner, He has a right to make laws for us, and to reward us or punish us. There is no appeal to a higher authority.

**---4 God the judge knows the complete truth** With human judges lies may go undetected and justice may not be rendered. But God the judge is omniscient. Before Him nothing is hidden. Nothing can escape Him. He searches human hearts. *Gen 18:20-21*

**Jesus Christ will be the Judge**  *John 5:22,*  *Acts10:42* This right to act as judge over the whole universe is something that was given to Jesus by God the Father. Those who believe on Him are saved through Him. It is fitting that He should be their judge. Those who have rejected Him have sinned against Him. It is appropriate that He should be the judge of those who rejected Him.

**The nature of the last judgment** When a believer dies, though his or her physical body remains on the earth, the soul (or spirit) of that believer goes immediately into the presence of God, *2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23, 2 Corinthians 5:1, Luke 23:43 .*While the believer enjoys a life of provisional blessedness in the presence of the Lord, the unbeliever experiences a provisional foretaste of eternal conscious torment..

The final judgment is not an occasion when the fate of the lost and the saved will be decided. It is an occasion when their fate will be announced. Some people think that the final judgment takes place every time a person dies. The final judgment is a great public event. *Matt 25:31-32,Rev 20:12-13, 2 Peter 3:7, Matt 13:40-43, 2 Thess 1:7-10*