**If I Should Die Before I Wake**

**Heaven, Hell and Judgement**

**Week 4**

1. **God Was Not Created and Does Not Change**
2. Heaven and Hell were created
   1. Gn. 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the* ***heavens*** *and the earth*
3. Heaven and Hell to be relocated
   1. Rev. 21:1 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had* ***passed away****”*
   2. Rev. 20:14 *Then Death and Hades were* ***thrown into the lake of fire***
4. **Redemptive Purposes of God do NOT find their fulfillment in the current heaven**

Rev. 21:2 *Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down* ***out of heaven*** *from God*

1. Spiritual and physical are not opposites
2. Heaven is an unseen physical dimension
3. Acts 7:55-56 *Behold,* ***I see heavens opened****, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God* = Stephen wasn’t dreaming
4. 2 Kgs 6:17 *So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and* ***he saw****, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha* = not apocalyptic literature
5. 2 Cor 12:2-7 *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was* ***caught up to the third heaven*** *--- whether* ***in the body or out of the body*** *I do not know…****So to keep me*** *from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited* = not sure if body or spirit but a different dimension
6. String theory = multiple unobservable dimensions and imperceptible universes Ps. 19:1 *The heavens declare the glory of God*
7. **Judgement**
8. Jesus is the Judge
9. 2 Tm 4:1 *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,* ***who is to judge the living and the dead***
10. Unbelievers and Believers will be Judged
11. Mt. 25:31-46
12. Rm. 14:10-12 *Why do you pass judgement on your* ***brother****?...For* ***we will all stand before the judgement seat*** *of God…So then* ***each of us will give an account*** *of himself to God*
13. 2 Cor 5:10 *For* ***we must all appear before the judgment seat*** *of Christ, so that each one may* ***receive what is due*** *for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil*
14. 1 Cor 3:10-17
15. Angels will be Judged
16. 2 Pt. 2:4 *For if God* ***did not spare angels when they sinned****, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be* ***kept until the judgement***
17. Believers will Participate with Christ as Judges
18. 1 Cor. 6:2 *Or do you not know that the* ***saints will judge*** *the world*
19. Mt. 19:28 *Jesus said to them (apostles), Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones,* ***judging the twelve tribes of Israel***
20. Purpose of Judgement
21. Not for discovering new information
22. Not for a secret enclave
23. Purpose is to publicly declare the glory of God in His utter holiness and in His utter grace before all people
24. Jn 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He* ***does not come into judgement****, but has passed from death to life*
25. 2 Cor 5:9b-10a *…we* ***make it our aim to please him****. For we all must appear before the judgement seat of Christ…*
26. Purpose is to receive our **rewards**
27. Fear based on the idea that joy is connected to status --- in heaven joy is only connected to union with Christ --- finally!