

## Questions / Answers

1. What will the world be like when Jesus comes back?  
*Very wicked with many people having no time for God.*
2. What will Jesus do after he has raised the dead?  
*He will judge people.*
3. What is eternal life like?  
*Living forever, peace, fellowship with God, no pain, sin or sorrow.*
4. What are the two sorts of people who will live in the Kingdom?  
*Mortal people and those who have eternal life.*
5. What will the mortal people do?  
*Live as we do now—work, have children, sin and die.*
6. What will the immortal people do?  
*Help Jesus to rule the world and teach and help people.*
7. How will farming be different in the Kingdom?  
*No weeds etc. plenty of rain, good crops every year.*
8. What will happen to those who are ill or disabled?  
*They will be healed.*
9. What will the immortal helpers teach the people?  
*About God and His righteous laws.*
10. Will there be war during the Kingdom?  
*No. It will be a time of happiness and peace when people love God and obey His laws.*

## Memory verses

2 Corinthians 5:10      Daniel 12:2—3      Isaiah 35:5—6

## Discussion

Discuss what will happen when Jesus comes back to the earth. How will the world be different from how it is today?

## Writing

Write about an area of the world you would like to go to as one of Christ's immortal helpers. How would you help the people there?

# CBM Senior Lessons

## Lesson 50 The Kingdom of God



**READING** Matthew 24:36—44; Zechariah 14:2—4; Psalm 2;  
Daniel 12:1—3; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Isaiah 11:1—9; Isaiah 35

## LESSON

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven ..." God has promised that Jesus will return to set up God's Kingdom on the earth. God wants the earth to be filled with people who love Him and belong to Him as His children. He wants the curse on the earth to be removed so that there is plenty of food for everyone. He wants death to be removed so that people will live for ever. This is what it means for God's will to be done on earth. This will happen when Jesus returns from heaven to set up God's Kingdom on earth.

There are many signs in our world that Christ is coming soon. We do not know the date when he will come. But we DO know that his coming is near. Jesus told us, "Keep watch ... you must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." We must be watching for Christ and be ready for his coming by living our lives in love and faith and obedience to God. Let us pray every morning that Christ will come today. Let us live every day for God, as if it is the only day we have left.

Jesus said that the world will be very wicked when he comes back. He compared it with the days of Noah, when the world was so wicked that God destroyed it. Men will only be interested in their own lives - buying, selling, eating, drinking, marrying etc. They will have no time at all for God. That is what our world is like today. It is very wicked. Many people do not have any time for God in their lives. There is much violence and immorality. Governments are corrupt and greedy. God will judge the world when Jesus returns. There will be a time of judgement on the wickedness of the world before God's Kingdom of peace begins

Nearly every day the nation of Israel is in the news. Israel is surrounded by enemies. The day will soon come when they will all attack her. God will act to save His people. God will send the Lord Jesus to destroy Israel's enemies and be their King.

Many nations will gather to fight against Israel and Jerusalem. But Jesus will return to destroy them. As Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives there will be a great earthquake with terrible devastation. Jesus will return suddenly with power and great glory to bring judgement on those who rebel against God and attack His people. Some governments will not accept Christ as their King. They will rebel against him. There will be judgements on those who rebel and they will be destroyed.

When Jesus returns he will raise the dead to life again. He will gather together those who are alive when he comes. They will all be called to stand before Christ's judgement seat to be judged according to how they have lived their lives. Christ will give eternal life to the faithful and they will help him to rule over the earth. But the wicked will be punished and destroyed for ever. They will have no part in God's wonderful Kingdom.

Revelation gives us a picture to help us understand how Jesus will judge us. Revelation talks about a Book of Life. It is as though God keeps a record book. When we are baptised God writes our name at the top of a page. Every time we do something good or bad it is written on our page. When Jesus judges us, he will look at that page. God cannot make anything bad exist for ever. So Jesus will blot out all the wrong we have done. Then he will look to see what is left. If our life was mostly bad, then there will not be enough left to make it immortal; we shall be destroyed. If there is enough left in our lives that is good, then Jesus himself will add his own righteousness to fill our page with goodness. Then he will give us eternal life.

Eternal life is a very special life. It is everlasting life, but it is more wonderful than just living for ever. Those with eternal life will not sin any more, they will have wonderful peace and complete fellowship with God and the Lord Jesus. Their characters will be like Jesus. They will have great knowledge and wisdom. They will have no sorrow or pain.

Jesus will be King in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the city which God chose to be His capital city. This will fulfil God's promise to David that the Messiah would reign from his throne. Jerusalem is the centre of the world. This will be the beginning of a new world order with Jesus ruling with righteousness, truth and justice from Jerusalem.

Jesus will rule with God's laws. They will be righteous laws. There will be no corruption. Jesus will have the authority and power to enforce the laws. God's laws will bring peace and righteousness to the world. There will be no more war.

The people who do not know about the Gospel when Jesus returns will not be called to stand before the judgement seat. They will continue to live in the Kingdom as ordinary mortal people. They will work and produce children and live and die as we do now.

So there will be two kinds of people in the Kingdom of God. There will be those who have been judged and given eternal life. There will also be many people who did not know about the Gospel when Jesus returned. They will live as ordinary mortal people in the Kingdom.

God's immortal people will be rulers and teachers in God's world wide Kingdom. Jesus will send them all over the world and they will be given areas to look after and to rule over. It will take a very long time to teach all the mortal people about God and to solve all the problems in the world. It will be a wonderful job to help Jesus to put everything right in the world. Revelation tells us it will take 1,000 years.

When Christ is King in Jerusalem, people will not just immediately know all about God and His laws. It will be the work of Christ's immortal helpers to go out to the area they are given to teach people about God and His wonderful Kingdom. Eventually all the world will know the Gospel. The earth will become a much better, happier place and the mortal people will enjoy the blessings of God's Kingdom.

God will take away the curse that was put on the earth when Adam and Eve sinned. There will be plenty of rain and good crops every year. Everyone will have plenty to eat. People will be strong and healthy. Christ's immortal helpers will have the power to heal, as Jesus did when he was on the earth. They will heal the blind and deaf, the lame and the dumb. The Hospitals will be empty. Imagine the joy of being one of Christ's immortal helpers and going into a Hospital to heal all those who are suffering there!

The Kingdom will be a time of peace and righteousness, a time of happiness and plenty. People all over the world will learn about God and His ways. They will travel to Jerusalem to worship King Jesus.

God wants us to be in His Kingdom. He has chosen us to help Jesus to rule the world. We need to start training now. We need to grow close to God and develop a character like Jesus. We need to teach people about God and help those in need. Let us pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth."