

In Heaven

Matthew 22, 1 Thessalonians 4

Will We Recognize One Another In Heaven

- When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, both Moses and Elijah maintained their physical, human identity.
- In Luke 16, the rich man looked up and recognized Lazarus in heaven.
- The moment we meet our loved ones, who have gone to glory before us, we shall know them immediatly.
- God has given us, in His Word, the hope of reunion and recognition of our loved ones.

How Will We Know One Another In Heaven

- When God brings the new heaven and the new earth to reality, He is not going to erase history as we have known it.
- God is going to redeem the old.
- Heaven will not be a place of unfamiliar things, but a place of familiar things made new.

What Happens To Marriage

- There will be no marriage in heaven because there will be no need for it.
- Marriage is an echo of the marriage that will take place when Christ is wed to His bride, the Church.
- Just because the institution of marriage will end, it does not mean that we will lose that relationship in glory.
- We will gain a fuller, more meaningful relationship in heaven.

We Will Be Satisfied In Heaven

- If you had several spouses here on earth, the relationship that we had with each one will continue in heaven, but the marriages will not.
- We will relate with an ever-deepening relationship to everybody in heaven.
- In heaven, neither we nor our family members will ever cause us pain.
- One of the few things that we will carry into heaven is our friendships and our relationships with people we have known here on earth.
- None of hell's miseries will ever veto heaven's joys.

Relationships

- Part of the enjoyment of heaven will be having company with whom to enjoy it.
- We will develop relationships that were underdeveloped.
- We will develop new relationships in heaven that we never had.
- The deepest heartaches and the deepest pains will be mended.

Conclusion

- Heaven is a bundle of eternal compensations.
- Heaven is a time:
 - For things to be made up
 - For lost time to be restored
 - For lost relationships to be restored
 - For lost desires and fulfilments and satisfactions to be restored.
- Every time we see someone in heaven it will be a family reunion.