

Will We Know Each Other In Heaven

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Will we know each other in heaven? There will be no *"marriage and giving in marriage."* The Sadducees objected to the realities of heaven by submitting the problem of one recognizing a plurality of wives in heaven. But our Lord emphasized that in glory land of the redeemed there will be no fleshly relationships as experienced on earth, therefore, no problems carried from earth to heaven.

It will be a glad day of reunion for loved ones in heaven. It will be a glorious day of supreme fellowship with God, our Father, Christ our blessed Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who made the joys of heaven possible.

The inspired apostle declared that we shall then see, not *"darkly"* but *"face to face."* He concluded, *"now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."* (1 Cor. 13:12)

When Christ appeared to the eleven, after His death and resurrection, he said: *"Behold, my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have."* (Luke 24:39)

Mary recognized Him (John 20:16).

Mary Magdalene recognized Him (John 20:18).

The disciples recognized our Lord after His resurrection (John 20:20).

The rich man in hades recognized Abraham and Lazarus afar off (Luke 16:19-31).

The disciples recognized Moses and Elijah when they appeared with Christ on the *"Mount of Transfiguration"* (Matt.17:1-8).

There is no indication we will lose our memory or intellect.

** Abraham was gathered to his fathers, but they were in graves in other countries.*

(Gen. 25:8)

** Jacob expected to join Joseph, even though he thought Joseph had been eaten by wild animals. (Gen. 37:35)*

** David had hopes of seeing his infant son (2 Sam. 12:23)*

** Samuel was recognized and told Saul he would join him (2 Sam. 28:14,15,19)*

** Matt. 22:32, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."*

** Angels are distinguishable, such as Gabriel and Michael, and we will be as the angels in Heaven in the resurrection.*

** The teaching of rewards in Heaven add to the view that we will still be individuals. (Matt. 25:20-24)*

King Saul recognized Samuel when the witch of Endor summoned Samuel from the realm of the dead (1 Samuel 28:8-17). When David's infant son died, David declared, "I will go to him, but he will not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David assumed that he would be able to recognize his son in heaven, despite the fact that he died as a baby. In Luke 16:19-31, Abraham, Lazarus, and the rich man were all recognizable after death. At the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah were recognizable (Matthew 17:3-4). In these examples, the Bible does seem to indicate that we will be recognizable after death.

The Bible declares that when we arrive in heaven, we will "be like him [Jesus]; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Just as our earthly bodies were of the first man Adam, so will our resurrection bodies be just like Christ's (1 Corinthians 15:47). "And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:49, 53). Many people recognized Jesus after His resurrection (John 20:16, 20; 21:12; 1 Corinthians 15:4-7). If Jesus was recognizable in His glorified body, we also will be recognizable in our glorified bodies. Being able to see our loved ones is a glorious aspect of heaven, but heaven is far more about God, and far less about us. What a pleasure it will be to be reunited with our loved ones and worship God with them for all eternity.