

Will We Know One Another in Heaven?

(Colossians 3:1-4)

- Introduction:
1. Job asked the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again" (job 14:14).
 2. Since that time, we have been asking countless questions about the afterlife.
 3. Our curiosity about heaven is far greater than God's revelation about Heaven.
 - a. We want to know where it is and what we will do.
 - b. We want to know if the dead can watch and hear us on earth.
 - c. What will our new bodies be like?
 - d. Will those who died as babies, still be babies?
 - e. We want to know how we can be happy if we are able to recognize each other and realize our loved ones aren't there, and we want to know how we can be happy if we don't recognize one another and are left to wonder about the destiny of our loved ones.
 4. The questions are countless. Some can be answered, and some can't (Deuteronomy 29:29).
 5. We must learn to content ourselves with principle "What do the Scriptures say?" (Romans 4:3) and to not "go beyond what is written" (1 Corinthians 4:6).
 6. The question I will be addressing in this lesson is, "Will we know one another in Heaven?"
 - a. Ills. of Donna.
 - b. Ills. of Mom and Dad and my prayers.
 - c. (Jeremiah 32:27) Is anything too hard for God?
 7. Let's open our Bibles together and seek to learn what the Scriptures say about this question, "Will we know one another in heaven?"

I. The Rich Man and Lazarus

- A. (Luke 16:19-31).
- B. After death, in the Hadean realm, the Rich man recognized Abraham and Lazarus (Luke 19:23).
- C. Likewise, Abraham remembered him (Luke 19:25).

II. Abraham and His Fathers

- A. (Genesis 25:8).
- B. Abraham planned to be "gathered to his people."
 1. This exact phrase is also used concerning the deaths of Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Aaron, Moses, and others.
 2. Note, it was not to all people, your people, but his people.
 3. Nor is this speaking of his burial, for his ancestors were buried elsewhere.

III. Job and His Children

- A. (Job 1:2; 42:10,13).
- B. God promised to double all the Job lost, but when he came to his children, he was given the same number he started with.
- C. That implies, he hadn't lost his first children, who were deceased.

IV. David and His Son

- A. (2 Samuel 12:15-23).
- B. Upon the death of David's infant child, David said, "I shall go to him" (2 Samuel 12:23).
- C. Also, notice how those words differed from when his son, Absalom died while living in rebellion (2 Samuel 18:33).

V. Paul and the Thessalonians

- A. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).
- B. Paul told those who were sorrowing over the loss of their Christian loved ones, not to sorrow as others, who have no hope.
 - 1. Hope of what? – Hope of ever seeing them again.
 - 2. In fact, Paul proceeds to say with will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.

- Conclusion:
- 1. While we don't have an explicit statement that says, "You will recognize your loved ones after death," we have plenty of biblical evidence that this statement is true.
 - 2. That truth motivates me and I hope it motivates you!