Shall We Know One Another In Heaven?

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus answers them by saying that you err or you are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.
- It tells us that those who attain to the resurrection, they are going to be like angels of God in heaven.
- What we know about heaven, the inhabitants of heaven, and our own participation in that eternal realm is obtained from the revelation of God.

1 What Will Man Be Like in Heaven?

1 Corinthians 15:50–51; John 5:28–29

- Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
- We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. I want you to underline the word all, every last one of us.
- Our souls are not recyclable. No, our souls are created in the very image of God.

2 Concerning Those Who Have Fallen Asleep

1 Thessalonians 4:13–17

- I don't want you to be ignorant, brethren. I don't want you to be uninformed, brethren.
- Lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
- If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus.
- The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain and shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

3 With What Body Do They Come?

1 Corinthians 15:35–49

- But someone will say, Well, how are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?
- Cannot the God who created this cosmos put those bodies back together? Yes.
- The body is sown in corruption. But it is raised in incorruption, it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.
- The natural body is going to give way to the spiritual body, and the mortal body is going to give way to the immortal.

4 Don't Ever Give Up, There Is Something Ahead

Philippians 3:20–21

- Whatever you go through, don't you ever give up, because there is something ahead.

- We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to his glorious body.

5 Shall We Know One Another? The Question of Identity

Matthew 17:1–5; Matthew 8:11; Luke 16:19–31

- There is not a single verse that I can find in the scriptures that will specifically state that we will know one another in heaven.
- The whole issue boils down to one basic idea, and that is the question of identity.
- If we know who Michael is, and if we know who Gabriel is, doesn't that suggest to us that there is identity?
- Apparently the patriarchs have not lost their identity. They're still Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, even though in another state of being.
- David says, I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

6 I Know There Are Objections

- Because of our inability to understand the how of something does not detract from the reality of it.
- We are individually accountable to God. And we are going to have to answer to God, not for our relatives or our loved ones.
- This change, however, is a change of state, not necessarily a change in identity.
- Not only do I want to go to heaven, I want everybody else to go to heaven.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Our citizenship is not on this earth, it's in heaven. But we ought to live like heaven citizens.**

MY NOTES