

Shall we Know one another in Heaven?

2 Samuel 12:23

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Thesis: I want to show the comfort we can find in what to expect when we reach our heavenly home.

Introduction:

1. There are a lot of questions about life after death, about heaven and hell.
2. Tonight we will look at one questions regarding heaven, will we know one another there?

I. What is death? (**James 2:26**)

A. The body apart from the spirit.

2. **1 Kings 17:22**

3. **Acts 7:59**

4. **2 Cor 5:6-8**

II. What the Bible says about knowing one another in heaven.

A. **2 Corinthians 1:14 & 2 Corinthians 4:14**

1. He would have joy for them.
2. He would rejoice for them when they were presented together (**2 Cor 4:14**)
3. Paul is talking about rejoicing together in eternal life, did he say he would recognize them?
Did he say he would remember them?

B. Rewards and punishments

1. Today if a person who commits a crime is deemed to have some type of mental issue they are sent to institute instead of going to prison because of their mental issues.
2. In **Matthew 7:22** the scripture reveals how men will say what they have done in the name of Christ. Thus, they had a memory of their actions. Memory of actions and past life indicates the ability to know one another in heaven.
3. **Revelation 6:9-10**; notice they remember their past life and other details and were calling out for the wicked to be punished.

C. The rich man and Lazarus

1. **Luke 16:25a** – “remember”
2. Memory shows recognition

D. **1 Corinthians 15:55**

1. The ability to recognize triumph over death is only able to be understood here if one has memory of their past life.

E. Abraham (**Gen 25:8**)

1. To who was Abraham gathered?
2. Who were “his people”? The faithful of God, thus he was gathered to heaven.
3. Would Abraham recognize his people?

F. David (**2 Samuel 12:22-23**)

1. David recognized He would “go” to where he son was.
2. We see here David expected to recognize and know his son in eternal life.

III. Encouragement for us today.

A. We will know one another in heaven.

1. One of the simple joys of heaven is recognizing others who are there with you.
2. Why would we spend eternity in heaven with strangers?
3. We will recognize our loved ones.
 - a. United with family and friends.

Conc:

1. We have seen what death is and a basic fact about heaven.
2. Heaven is a place that being reunited with loved ones is part of its joy, however only a small part.
3. Full Invitation