# Looking Toward Heaven, Part 5: How We Will Relate to One Another in Heaven

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#### I. Introduction.

- A. God has set eternity in the hearts of men. (Ecclesiastes 11)
- B. Christians need to focus their hopes on heaven.
- C. A comfortable life is less concerned with the life to come.
- D. Joy and contentment in this life only hints at something wrong in the spiritual life.
- E. We can know about our relationships in heaven.

# II. Angels. (1 Thessalonians 4)

- A. We will fellowship with angels. (Hebrews 12:22, 1 Corinthians 13, Hebrews 13:2)
- B. We will rejoice with angels. (Luke 15)
- C. We will join the angels in praise and worship. (Revelation 4)
- D. Angels were created to serve the redeemed. (Hebrews 2)
- E. We reign. Angels serve. (Ephesians 1, Revelation 3:21)
- F. We will rule over angels. (1 Corinthians 6:1)

# III. Marriage and family. (1 Corinthians 7)

- A. Marriage is not eternal.
- B. There will be no marriage in heaven. (Matthew 22, Deuteronomy 25)
- C. Man does not need a helper there. Woman does not need a protector. People will not be produced.

#### IV. Other believers.

- A. All people maintain their identity. (Luke 22:8)
- B. Fellowship will be maintained. (Matthew 8, 1 Corinthians 13:12, Revelation 19:7)
- C. Identity will remain but one's name will be purged. (Revelation 2:7; 3:5, 12)
- D. There will be reunion.
- E. Fellowship will be without tears, death, pain, sorrow, anxiety, etc. (Revelation 21:5)

# **Application Questions:**

1. What surprised you most about the picture of heaven?
2. Why is there no marriage in heaven?
3. What should we expect our relationship with other believers to be like in heaven?