

CHALLENGING QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Lesson 8

How Many Wives Will I Have in Heaven?

We continue our study looking at challenging questions people ask. This lesson's question is "How many wives will I have in heaven?" Related to this topic, we will be looking at angels, along with heaven, death, and the resurrection. As believers, all of us should have a solid understanding of these subjects. With this knowledge our faith will grow stronger, as we will be unlikely to be misled by faulty doctrine, and we will also be better equipped to witness to those around us.

Have you ever wondered about angels, heaven, life after death, and the resurrection? Most of us have at one time or another. Do we become angels when we die? Will heaven be a place that we sit on clouds or stand on Crystal Rivers and sing hymns continuously to God as we strum our harps? Let's take some time to consider these questions as we ask God to expand our understanding of things unseen and things to come.

As something a little different, you can also use a resource on the Daniel222.com website. At the bottom of any page on the site, click on the "A to Z Index" label; under the "A" listing, select "Angels" and you will be routed to a corresponding lesson on this subject. The scriptures cited in that lesson should help you with this lesson as well.

First, read Luke 16:19-31.

1. What are some of the major differences between what happened when Lazarus died versus when the Rich Man died?

2. What do you observe about the conversation between the Rich Man and Abraham? (Remember, the Rich Man and Abraham are both "dead.")

Now read Matthew 22:23-32 and answer the following:

3. What does Matthew 22:31-32 tell us about death and our relationship to God?

4. Based on this scripture and the scripture you read in Luke about Lazarus and the Rich Man, do we become angels in heaven?

5. How many wives will we have (assuming we were married before we died)?

6. What will happen to my wife and me in heaven if there is no marriage or giving in marriage, and why is this so?

My prayer is that from this lesson, you will come to see that (1) angels and man were created as separate and distinctly different creatures, and (2) that while physical death robs us of this body, we do not die. Instead, we are either carried to heaven, paradise, or the bosom of Abraham (depending on which scripture you read) by angels, or we die alone and go immediately to Hades to await the final judgment.

Heaven is a terrific place, but it doesn't require us playing harps and sitting on clouds. The new heaven and new earth that Christ is creating for us to live and work in is beyond description. Now all we need to do is get the gospel out to the world before this age ends and final judgment comes to man.

Have a great week; may God bless you as you study with us.

In Christ,

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