

#### Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

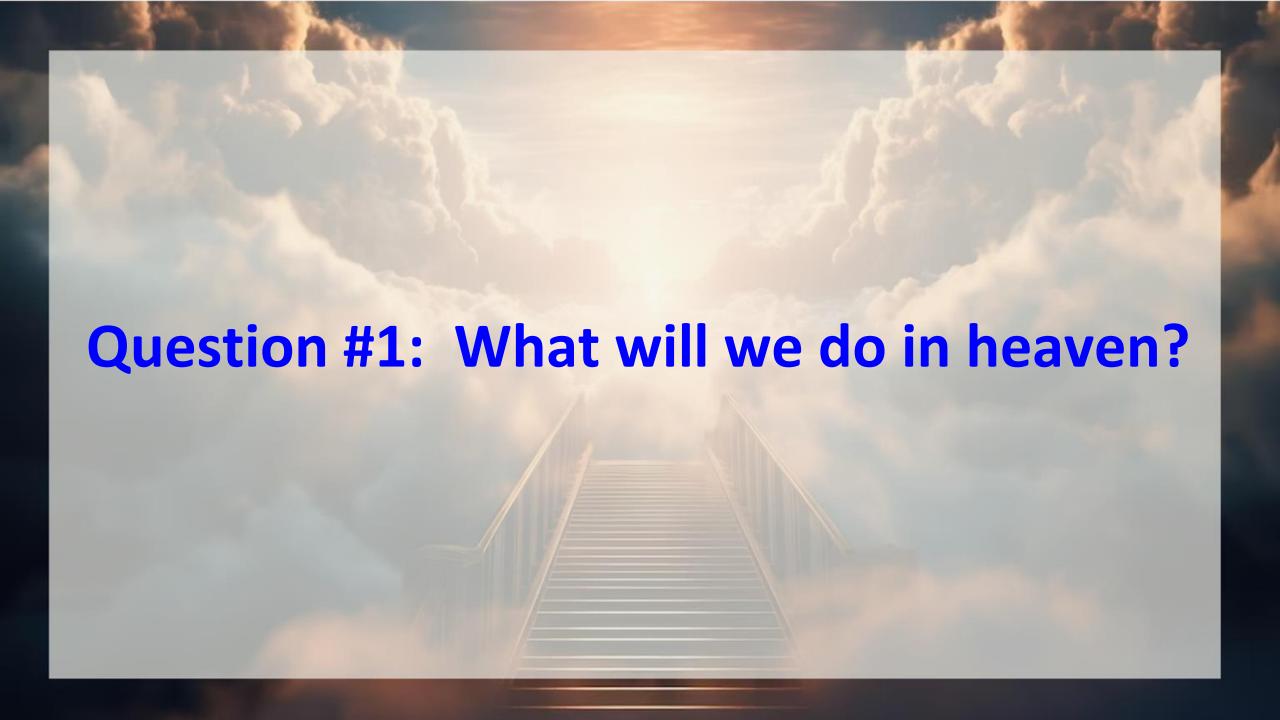
You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

#### Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### Romans 3:24-25a (NLT)

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.



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In heaven, we'll have fellowship like never before!... Imagine having the unlimited opportunity to fellowship with people from all ages of history - even people we've only read about in books.... We will [also] be able to know and fellowship with our Lord in a way that we cannot possibly comprehend.... Our Savior will be our personal friend, and we will fellowship with Him forever and ever.

(David Jeremiah)

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There will be work to do and we shall relish doing it.

All the skills and talents we have put to God's service in this present life – and perhaps too the interests and likings we gave up because they conflicted with our vocation – will be enhanced and enabled and given back to us to be exercised to his glory.

(N. T. Wright)

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- 6. We will rule (Genesis 1:28; Matthew 25:21; Revelation 3:21, 5:10, 22:4-5)

#### Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

#### Things we will not do in heaven

- 1. We will not be bored (Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 65:17-18)
- 2. We will not hurt or be hurt (Isaiah 65:25; Revelation 21:4)
- 3. We will not hunger or thirst (Revelation 7:16-17)
- 4. We will not mourn or cry (Isaiah 65:19; Revelation 7:17, 21:4)



#### Genesis 1:25 (NLT)

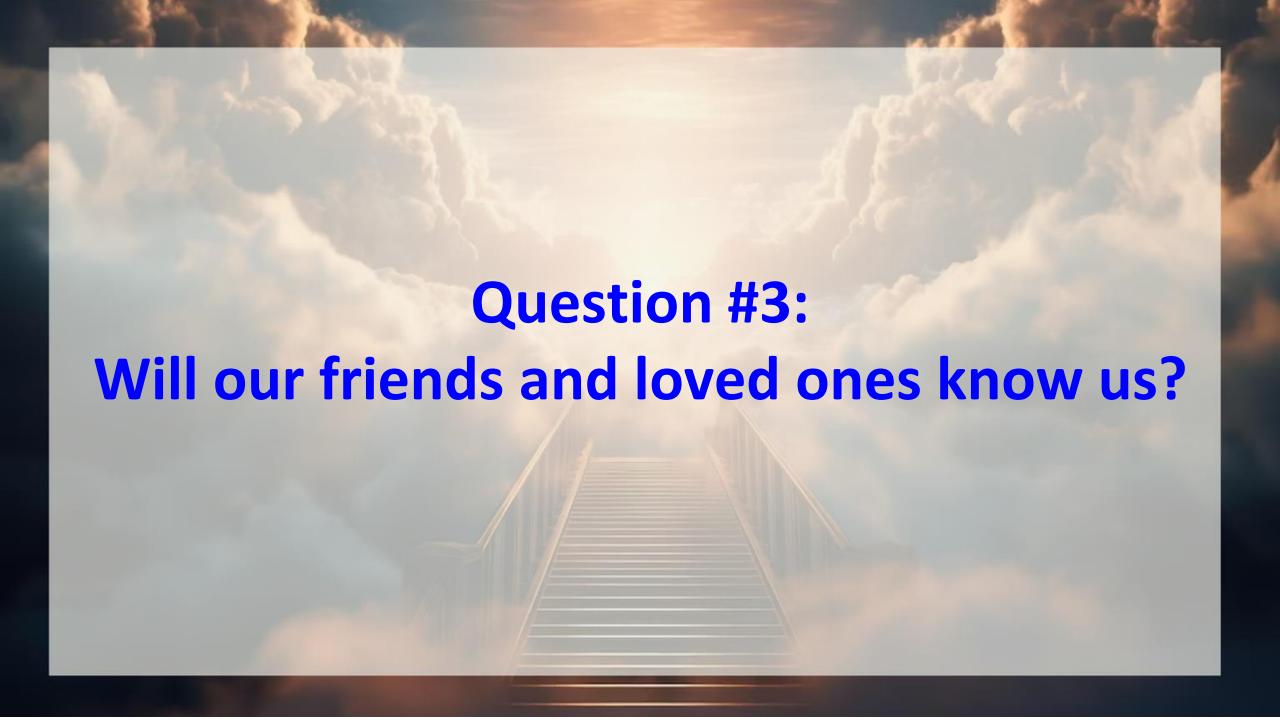
God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

#### Isaiah 11:6-8 (NLT)

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. 7 The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.

#### Romans 8:19-21 (NLT)

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.



# John 21:12 (NIV)

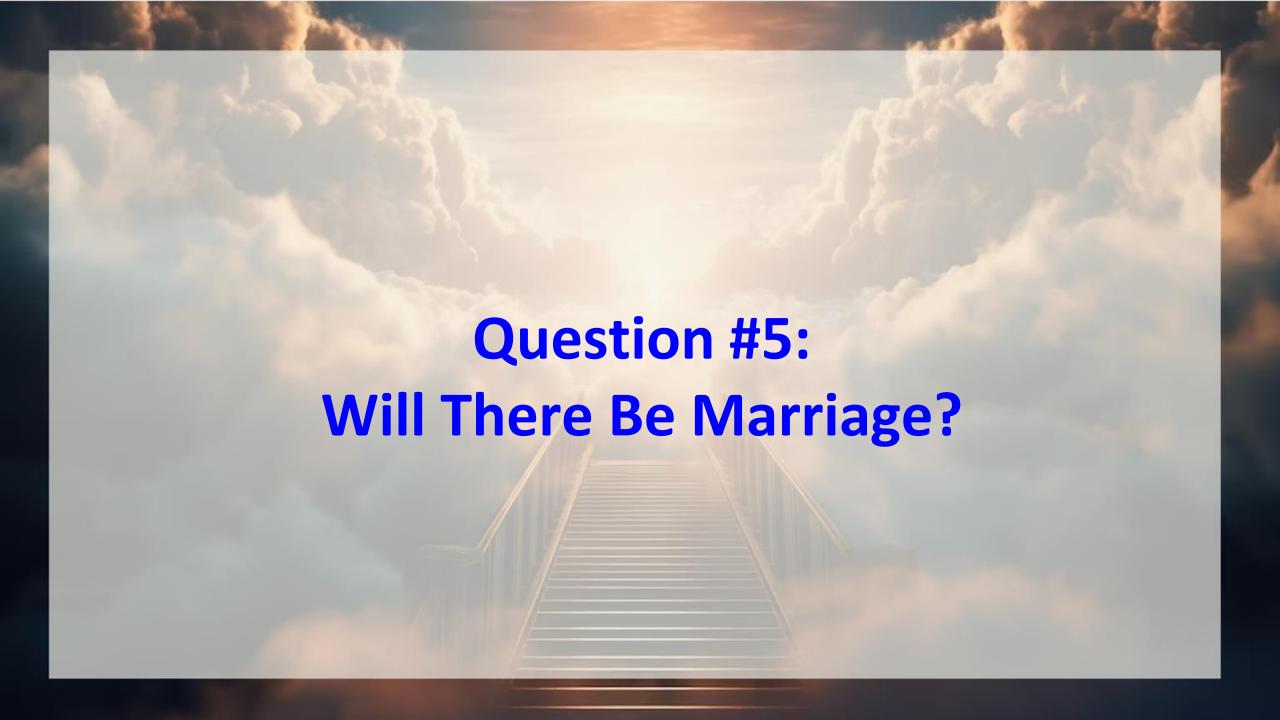
Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are
you?" They knew it was the Lord.

# Question #4: Will there be Families, and Friendships in heaven?

### Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.



#### Matthew 22:23-30 (NIV)

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. 24 "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. 25 Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother.

#### Matthew 22:23-30 (NIV)

26 The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. 27 Finally, the woman died. 28 Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" 29 Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. 30 At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in

# Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

The one-flesh marital union we know on Earth is a signpost pointing to our relationship with Christ as our bridegroom. Once we reach the destination, the signpost becomes unnecessary. That one marriage — our marriage to Christ — will be so completely satisfying that even the most wonderful earthly marriage couldn't be as fulfilling. Once that ultimate marriage begins, at the Lamb's wedding feast, all the human marriages that pointed to it will have served their noble purpose and will be assimilated into the one great marriage they foreshadowed.

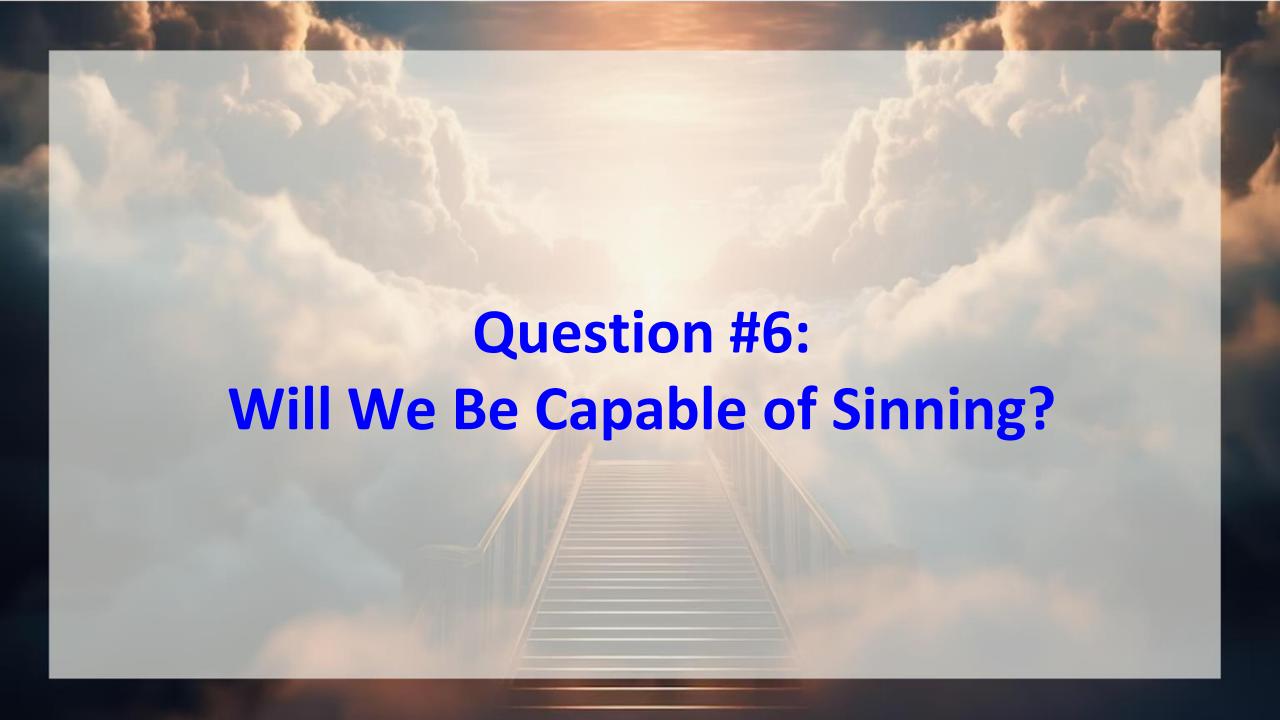
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On Earth, the closer we draw to Him, the closer we draw to each other. Surely the same will be true in Heaven. People with good marriages are each other's best friends. There's no reason to believe they won't still be best friends in Heaven. Jesus said the institution of human marriage would end, having fulfilled its purpose. But he never hinted that deep relationships between married people would end.

(Randy Alcorn)

Couples who shared the closest intimacy on earth will continue to know, treasure, and appreciate each other in the life of the Lord forever. He goes on to say, "I plan to spend all of eternity with my wife, Cheryl, in a relationship that goes far beyond anything we have experienced here on earth

(Mark Hitchcock)



They were innocent but had not been made righteous by Christ. We, on the other hand, become righteous through Christ's atonement: "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). To suggest we could have Christ's righteousness yet sin is to say Christ could sin. God completely delivers us from sin—including vulnerability to sin.

(David Jeremiah)

#### Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

# Question #7: Will There Be Arts and Entertainment?



# Zechariah 8:5 (NLT)

And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at **play**.

# Question #9: Do we become angels when we die?

Psalm 8:5 (NIV), You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

1 Corinthians 6:3, (NIV), Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

# Question #10: Can people in Heaven know what's happening on earth?

#### Luke 16:22-26 (NIV)

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.

25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'



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## **Applications**

1. Rest in the grace of God

### Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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