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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

1. In Heaven, will we become angels? (I Corinthians 6:1-3)

- No. Once a human...always a human. In Heaven, we will be resurrected humans who will have responsibilities that seem to include having influence over angels.

2. In Heaven, will we be able to drink and eat? (Revelation 22:1-2; 2:7; Isaiah 25:6, 8)

- Yes. Dozens of Biblical passages indicate there will be great feasts and celebrations in Heaven. Also remember that we saw in Jesus' resurrected body the ability to eat (Luke 24:41-43).

3. In Heaven, will men and women be married? (Matthew 22:23-30)

- No. Earthly marriage (relationship between husband and wife, covenant) is a signpost pointing to the relationship between Christ and His Church in Heaven (Ephesians 5:25-32). Once we experience the joy of reaching Heaven, the signpost will become unnecessary. However, in no way are we to imagine that our closest relationships on earth will suddenly become unimportant to us in Heaven.

4. In Heaven, will there be animals? (2 Kings 2:11; 6:17; Isaiah 65:25; Rev. 19:11-14)

- Yes. When Adam was created, God surrounded him with animals. When Noah was delivered from the flood, God surrounded him with animals. When Jesus was born in a stable, God surrounded him with animals. Not one Scripture forbids us to believe that on the New Earth we will be surrounded with animals.

5. In Heaven, will there be children and if so, what ages will they be? (Isaiah 11:6-9)

- Yes and we don't know. Those persons who die as infants/children and those who are children when Christ returns will be in Heaven. In terms of salvation, children are covered by Christ's sacrifice until they are spiritually mature enough to understand what God wants and to willfully reject Him (Romans 7:8-9).
- As to ages in Heaven, no Scripture passage speaks to this question.