

Heaven - Relationships

Various Scripture

In the 1998 film, *When Dreams May Come*, heaven is portrayed as an individual place of infinite creativity and beauty. Each person has their own "world" to live in. What about this portrayal sounds good to you? What sounds less than "heavenly" to you in this scenario?

Based on what we know of God, how He created us, and His commands to us, why can we be confident that relationships will be a central part of our experience in heaven?

Because heaven will be a place of perfection, what are some of the things that we **won't** experience in our relationships? Are you striving to eliminate these things from your relationships now or have you accepted them as "the way things are?"

For some people, the idea of recognizing and knowing *everyone* in heaven sounds fantastic. For others, that sounds like a nightmare! Knowing that God made both extroverts and introverts, how do you think He will make heaven the perfect place for both types of people?

What are the best things about having a spouse (other than physical intimacy, since there is no sex in heaven)? Since we won't be married in heaven, how do you imagine we will experience these kinds of things? Why is this great news for those who never marry or whose spouse does not go to heaven?

Everything in heaven will be better than we can imagine, including our relationships. As we continue to discuss and learn about heaven, let's pray together that God will:

- Cause us to live with greater anticipation for our future place in heaven
- Give us a greater passion to make sure that every person we know has the opportunity to accept Jesus and will therefore be with us in heaven