

*Why do we assume there will be no sexual intercourse in heaven? God created us as sexual beings forever.*

The believer's eternal life will be more--not less pleasurable than his life on earth (Ps 16:11). One's earthly life may be filled with travails; but, in heaven he is freed from all of that (Ro 8:22).

In Jesus' bodily resurrection we get a glimpse into what our heavenly bodies might be like (e.g. He ate [Lk 24:42-43] and waked through walls [Jn 20:26]). We will be like him (1 Co 15:28, Col 3:2).

God gave sexual intercourse within marriage for this life (Prov. 5:15-20).<sup>1</sup>

Jesus said: For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven (Mt 22:29-30).

A Christian couple's heavenly relationship will be greater--not less than their earthly one (Is 64:4, 1 Co 2:9).

Regarding Matthew chapter 22 verses 25-30<sup>2</sup>, J.K. Chamblin wrote:

.....[C]oncerning the nature of the resurrected state, he [Jesus] reveals new truth (v. 30): present conditions are not to be merely resumed but surpassed. The resurrected will be like angels, in that they will become immortal (cf. 1 Cor. 15:53-54) and will therefore no longer need to marry or to bear offspring. This does not mean that present marriages will be annulled. Yet they are not simply resumed but incorporated into a higher order. In that day marriages will evidence far greater freedom and intimacy than is now possible.<sup>3</sup>

Misunderstandings between God-fearing couples<sup>4</sup> will be overcome. They will be able to love each other as they ought.

As the triune God had and has perfect fellowship; man, too when glorified will have a similar, perfect fellowship with his fellow man.

The apostle John wrote:

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<sup>1</sup> Sexual intercourse in marriage is good and holy (Gen. 1:27, 28; Gen. 2:24, 25). Sex is an expression of love (Song 1:12-15; Song 3:1-5). Men and women are responsible before God (1 Cor. 7:3-5).

<sup>2</sup> Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. The Holy Bible: King James Version. (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Mt 22:25-30). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> Chamblin, J. K. (1995). [Matthew](#). In *Evangelical Commentary on the Bible* (Vol. 3, pp. 749-750). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage is: one man, one woman (Gen. 2:18-24) in covenant (Matt. 19:6) for life (Rom. 7:2, 3).

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full (1 Jn 1:3–4).