

Will I See You Again In Heaven?

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As we travel through life, the words of the Bible become so real when we consider how short life really is. “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Even when, unlike Job’s experience, a person’s life rarely is associated with troublesome times, it is nevertheless “of few days.” The oldest person I’ve ever known was a Christian lady by the name of Clevie Fry. She had outlived four husbands! (I don’t think her cooking had anything to do with it!) She seemed to have risen above pettiness and dissatisfaction. At her 103rd birthday party I asked her, “A penny for your thoughts?” And, she replied, “I was just sitting here thinking that I wish I had a large chocolate sheet cake; I’d cut it into large and small pieces and sit back and watch every man that comes in get a big piece!”

Months later as she lay dying in the hospital from inoperable internal bleeding that was imperceptibly ebbing her life away, she would recite the Model Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 and the beautiful 23rd Psalm—over and over again, alternating between the two projecting a realization of her relationship with God that had sustained her across the century that was her life as she drifted away into eternity.

At such times the question, “Will I see you again in heaven?” takes on a new reality. The good news is we will see our loved ones in heaven by following Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:1-6).

It is good to know what our Lord Jesus Christ is *NOT*: He is not *a way* among many ways—He is *THE* way; He is not *a truth* that blends with common ideas—He is *THE* truth; He is not *a life* alongside favorite lifestyles—He is *THE* life.

On the most serious level, we will die (Hebrews 9:27); we will be separated from our closest loved ones (James 2:26); we will either follow Christ or we will not (Matthew 12:30). Look your loved one in the eye and ask, “Will I see you again in heaven?”