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## BIBLE TALK

Question: Will we know each other in the after-life?

Answer: Our hearts hunger for assurances that we will know one another after death. The Bible leads us to believe that the doctrine of "future recognition" is true and that on it we may rely. Ponder the following passages:

1. Job 19:25-27 - Job positively affirmed that he would see God with his own eyes; he would see God in the flesh (following the changes which bodies will experience in the resurrection – I Cor. 15:51-53). Thus, the ancient patriarch, by inspiration, asserted the resurrection of the body, the preservation of the personality, and identity of the resurrected person.

2. Rev. 6:9-10. These were personalities in the death state; they had a consciousness of their surroundings; they knew why they were there; they had been murdered, and that their killers remained unpunished.

3. 2 Sam. 12:23. David, stricken with grief, and with the body of his dead child yet unburied, said, "*Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.*" This statement is significant only if he would be conscious of being in his child's presence.

4. Luke 16:19-31. The case of the Rich Man and Lazarus, whether a parable or not, gives us a view of the yet-to-be. All the characters were conscious; aware of their surroundings; possessed a memory of the world they had left. Abraham said to the Rich Man, "*Son, remember.*" This is a pretty strong inference. The concept of future recognition is grounded in hope, sustained by faith, and love longs and patiently waits for its realization. We live in hope!

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