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Often we wonder about heaven and the new relationships that will be there. Will we recognize one another in heaven? Will we know our loved ones? Will they know us? The Scriptures says the following about this subject.

### 1. Daud And His Son

The story of Daud and his son illustrates the point that we will know our loved ones. After the child died, Daud said.

While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the Master will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me (2 Samouel 12:22,23).

In this statement Daud is acknowledging the fact that he will someday be united with his son. If Daud did not think that he would recognize his son in the next life, then there is no reason he would have made this statement.

### 2. Transfiguration

At the Mount of Transfiguration, MoUse and Elia appeared with IESO:

And Elia appeared to them with MoUse, and they were talking with IESO. Then Petrho answered and said to IESO, ' Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for MoUse, and one for Elia (Marhko 9:4,5).

MoUse had died centuries before and Elia was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire. Yet they did not lose their identity, or their ability to be recognized. Without a formal introduction MoUse and Elia were recognized by IESO' three disciples.

### 3. Sitting Down With Patriarchs

IESO mentioned sitting down with the patriarchs in heaven.

And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abrhaam, Isaak, and Iakob in the kingdom of heaven (Matthio 8:11).

This demonstrates that each person will keep their individual identity.

### 4. Paulo's Desire

Paulo said that part of him wanted to die and be with The Anointed One.

I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with The Anointed One, which is better by far (Philippians 1:23).

Paulo's desire to be with The Anointed One does not make any sense unless Paulo could recognize Him when in His presence.

### 5. Rich Man And Lazarho

In the story of the rich man and Lazarho we find the rich man recognizing both Abrhaam and Lazarho (Louka 16:19-31). Likewise Abrhaam recognized the rich man.

### 6. IESO Was Recognized

The Scriptures says that we shall be like IESO in our resurrected body.

Beloved, we are Aleim's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is (1 Ioanne 3:2).

We find from the Prophetic Scriptures (New Testament) that IESO was recognized after His resurrection. Since His resurrection form was recognizable, so will ours be.

## 7. Knowledge Greater

Our knowledge in heaven will be greater than it is now, not less.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Consequently we should be able to recognize one another.

## Speaking With The Master

There is also an indirect reference of people speaking to the Master in heaven.

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of Aleim and for the testimony they had given; they cried out with a loud voice, "Sovereign Master, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?" They were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number would be complete both of their fellow servants and of their brothers and sisters, who were soon to be killed as they themselves had been killed (Revelation 6:9-11).

## Summary

From these passages it seems clear that, in heaven, we will recognize those whom we love. We will also keep our unique identities. The Scriptures provides examples of those who had previously died, yet were recognizable in the next world. They include: IESO, MoUse, and Elia.

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