

Question: Will there be marriage in heaven?

Answer: No. The institution of marriage was designed for this earthly life only. A group of Sadducees (who did not believe in the afterlife) asked Jesus: If a woman has seven different husbands in this life, whose wife will she be in heaven? Jesus replied, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:34-36). Note: Jesus did not say we become angels when we die, but in heaven, like the angels, we will not marry.

Since marriages won't exist in heaven, no children will be born in the next life. Those who were husbands and wives on earth will know each other in heaven, but won't be married, since the marriage covenant is dissolved when a person dies (Rom 7:2). Although this saddens me, I always remind myself that everything in heaven is far better than anything on earth. Did God make a mistake by not including marriage in the next life? Certainly not. No one will be disappointed in heaven, and all relationships will be exalted to perfection in God's eternal kingdom.