

When we are in heaven we will see and understand things about God and justice and holiness at a far greater perspective than we can here on earth. Our sin nature will be gone and the way we feel about things will be totally and completely consistent with God's Word and will.

When we actually see Jesus Christ and are reminded by the nail scars what He did to provide salvation for sinners, we will not grieve over those who refused to believe in Him. Furthermore, when we see evidence that there are those who are burning in everlasting fire, we will marvel at the grace of God that has prevented us from being in the same condition.

This is what most people do not understand. All of us deserve hell. What we don't deserve is grace salvation. There will be an amazing focus on the grace and forgiveness of God that we have experienced. We will realize in totality the amazing offer of grace that God made possible for sinners and we will magnify His grace and not be consumed with those who rejected it.

What we also do know is that there will be no tears in heaven because God will wipe away every tear (Rev. 21:4).

QUESTION #42 – Will we actually get to see the creation of the New heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem?

We know that when God originally created the heavens and earth all of the angels got to witness it—Job 38:4-7. It would appear from Revelation 21:1-2 that John actually did see this. We suspect that we will witness this remarkable act of creation. Not only will we get to see it, but we will get to live in it.

QUESTION #43 – Will we all speak one language in heaven?

Originally there was one language spoken all over the world (Genesis 11:1). God put an end to this because people were using their speech in a manner that glorified self and not God. So God put an end to people speaking one language (Genesis 11:6-9). We know that when people initially go to heaven they go there with their own ethnicity and language (Rev. 7:9).

What we also know from Paul's trip to heaven is that he apparently heard words and understood those words in the language he heard them (II Cor. 12:4). He was not permitted to come back to earth and share the words he heard. We also know that when John was in heaven he heard an innumerable collective choir singing a worship song obviously of which he knew the words because he wrote them down (Rev. 5:11-14).

Our conclusion is that there will probably be one universal language in heaven that will be common to all people. Since all in heaven will glorify God, there will be no need to divide languages again.

QUESTION #44 – Will there be household items in heaven?

We certainly learn from many Psalms such as Psalm 150:3-5 that there are musical instruments in eternity. We know from Revelation 5:8 that there are harps in heaven.

We also observe from many passages that the Lord is presently seated (Psalm 110:1; Matt. 26:64; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2). It is obvious from these passages that Jesus Christ is presently seated at the right hand of the Majesty of God. Since this point is stressed multiple times, we may logically assume He is sitting on something. He is sitting on some Divine Throne Chair. In order to sit, there must be some piece of furniture on which to sit.

We learn from Luke 22:30 that there are obviously tables and throne chairs on which one may dine and sit.

When we read the description of the Temple that will be constructed for worship in the Millennium in Ezekiel 40-44, it is clear that there is precise craftsmanship and materials with which to build it. We also learn that there is priestly clothing that will be designed and worn.

We know from Colossians 3:23-24 that whatever we do we are to do to the glory of God. In fact, Paul says that a man is to view his occupation as a ministry entrustment from God (Eph. 6:5-8).

All of these things would lead us to conclude that there will be many things in heaven we will recognize that are of a household nature.

William Hendricksen concluded his study on heaven by making a series of statements. We would like to borrow from him and also add a couple of our own that are worthy of our thinking (*The Bible On The Life Hereafter*, p. 216).

1. When it comes to the subject of heaven, do not go beyond what Scriptures reveal.
2. Do not think that there will be no connection between heaven and our present state.
3. Realize that our personal identity will be preserved.
4. Know that our greatest joy in heaven will not just be absence of pain, worry, sickness or tears; but our greatest joy will certainly be absence of sin and the absence of the potential to sin.
5. Reject all man-centered and man-invented ideas about heaven that do not square with the Bible.
6. Look forward with great anticipation to your own trip to heaven for it will literally be a trip that is out of this world.
7. Make Biblical decisions in life and live life in a way that lays up treasures in heaven because once we leave this world, that is where we will be forever.