

The Only Relationship that Never Ends

Mark 12:18-27

- I. Sadducees: There must be no resurrection – because of a problem with marriage in heaven (Mark 12:18-23)
- A. The Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with a dilemma about resurrection (Sadducees denied resurrection - 12:18).
 - B. They asked Jesus hypothetically about marriage in heaven if someone remarries on earth (12:19-23).
- II. Jesus: Marriage relationships are only for this life; our relationship with God is forever (Mark 12:24-27).
- A. Jesus called the Sadducees ignorant about scripture and God's power (12:24).
 - Serious spiritual and doctrinal error results when people don't know the scripture or understand God's power.
 - B. Relationships in heaven are different – more like angels than like the human relationship of marriage (12:25).
 - In heaven people don't marry, so there is no dilemma.
 - Relationships in heaven must exceed the best on earth.
 - This earth is our only chance to glorify God in marriage.
 - In heaven we are like angels in that we focus on worship.
 - C. Jesus rebuked the Sadducees for denying the resurrection because a relationship with God is forever (12:26-27).
 - *God of the living* – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob continue to have a relationship with God beyond this life!
 - We cannot live as if this life is all there is (1 Corinthians 15:32). How we live now affects eternity.
 - Our relationship with God is the most important relationship because it is forever.