

Mark 12:18-27 **Marriage in the Resurrection?**

18 Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying:

19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. 21 And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. 22 So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. 23 Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26 But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Scenario: Woman had seven husbands, Whose wife will she be in the resurrection,? [Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40]

- ✚ Sadducees say there is no Resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit. [Matthew 22:23, Mark 12:18, Luke 20:27, Acts 23:8]
- ✚ The problem with the **Sadducees** was their lack of knowledge of Scripture and their false concept of the power of God which Scriptures clearly reveal, causing their view to be greatly in error. [Matthew 22:29, Mark 12:24-27]
- ✚ People often, who hold a particular view, will present what they think is an airtight scenario to try to deride one holding an opposing view.
- ✚ Truth cannot be disproved by trickery. Truth is truth whether you believe it or not.
 - ✧ Just because someone does not believe the truth does not make their view true or valid.
 - ✧ The error of the Sadducees was similar to errors found in Christendom today, a great number of false doctrines emerge because those espousing them do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God. [Matthew 22:29, Mark 12:24-27]
- ✚ The scenario presented by the Sadducees was the case where a woman had been married consecutively to seven brothers, according to the command of Moses. They each died without leaving a son, at last the woman died, so which will be her husband in the resurrection? [Matthew 22:24-28, Mark 12:19-23, Luke 20:29-33]
 - ✧ The Scripture they made reference to is found in Deuteronomy. [Deuteronomy 25:5-10]
- ✚ In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in Heaven. [Matthew 22:30, Mark 12:25, Luke 20:34-36]
 - ✧ Many have surmised from this text that angels are sexless, but that is not necessarily true.
 - ✧ We find the similitude in the book of Luke where Jesus expands on the subject by adding:
But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. [Luke 20:35-36]

- ✧ Therefore, the similitude of the resurrected Saints with the angels is not that they suddenly become sexless, but that **they cannot die anymore**, but are sons of God, and as such they are equal to the angels.
- ✧ The angels who left their former estate and are held in everlasting chains awaiting the Day of Judgment, [Jude 1:6] is a reference to the “Sons of God” who took wives of mankind and fathered the race of giants called the Nephilim. [Genesis 6:1-4]
- ✧ God Himself said, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. [Matthew 22:31-32, Mark 12:26-27, Luke 20:37-38]
- ✧ Therefore, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are still alive in the presence of God, making the statement of Paul more tangible when he said:
 - 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. [2 Corinthians 5:6-8]
- ✧ This fact is confirmed by Jesus when He told about the Rich Man and Lazarus, who had both died, and in their individual estate were both conscious of their affair and of the reward of the other, one with Abraham who was able to communicate with the Rich Man, and the other tormented in flames of Hell. [Luke 16:19-31]
- ✧ Then some of the **scribes** answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." But after that they dared not question Him anymore. [Luke 20:39-40]
- ✧ And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. [Matthew 22:33]