



The doctrines held by the Pharisees and the Sadducees differed widely. The Sadducees were skeptical and athiestical in their belief. They sought to magnify sophistries and speculative ideas of their own production. They denied the doctrine of the resurrection, and rejected the idea of future rewards and punishments. They came to Christ with what they thought would be a perplexing question. Their purpose was to entangle Him in His words, and to confuse other minds. And by heaping ridicule upon this portion of the law, they thought to bring into contempt all the Mosaic institutions.

Christ's reply showed that His questioners were building upon a false foundation. He charged them with ignorance of the true teachings of the word of God. A right understanding of the Scriptures is the fountain from which flows all pure, heavenly knowledge.

"Ye do err," He said, "not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye do therefore greatly err." *Mark 12: 24-27*

Had the Sadducees understood the Scriptures, they would have known that the marriage relation, as instituted in Eden, will not exist in Paradise.

There are men to-day who express their belief that there will be marriages and births in the new earth, but those

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