

Daily Devotions for the Week of April 21

Monday

Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." (Genesis 32.30) Jacob wrestled with God. If you have ever wrestled with your faith, you know the feeling. But Jacob notes the experience as a face-to-face meeting! May we meet God in prayer today.

Tuesday

As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible." (Exodus 33.22-23) Here Moses was only permitted to see God's back. Sometimes we only get a glimpse of God's glory, or a sign like Noah's rainbow.

Wednesday

My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and see God's face? (Psalm 42.2) There are times when we cry out for a sign like the psalmist here. Keep on looking and praying.

Thursday

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. (Isaiah 6.1) Do you ever see God when you come to worship? Come Sunday and look.

Friday

Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God. (Matthew 5.8) This beatitude offers a promise. Clean hearts are needed for clear vision.

Saturday

While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. (Mark 1.10) Watch for expressions of God in nature as Easter blooms and Spring springs.