

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Jacob had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

(Genesis 28:12, NIV)

Jacob spent the night alone in the wilderness under the starlit sky. Between that and the threat of his brother Esau, who had sworn to take his life, he wasn't sleeping too well. In that state between waking and sleeping he had this dream. At the top of the stairway was God who spoke to him, addressing him personally about the predicament he was in. God was entering into a personal relationship with him as he was leaving home and preparing to live in foreign lands.

Jesus once said He was like that stairway – connecting heaven and earth and opening the way for God to speak to each one of us (John 1:51).

The Lord's Prayer is also like that stairway. It begins with God in heaven and his holiness, where the light shines brightly. It then moves to God's kingdom here on earth; then to the nitty gritty of our daily needs; then to our sinfulness, where shadows fall over our lives; then to the twilight where we struggle with temptation; then to the kingdom of darkness and the evil one.

Prayer: Rejoice that Jesus has taught us this prayer to connect our reality with his. Ask God to speak to you personally. Then go about your daily business and see how He does just that!