

Sabbath School Panel — Second Quarter 2026

Lesson 11 (Thursday)

See Jesus

Opening Question

Do you want to see Jesus?

Not merely in theory, but truly—to be in His unveiled presence.

By His grace, **you will**.

The Promise of Seeing Jesus

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 assures us that:

- The Lord Himself will descend from heaven
- Those who are faithful—whether living or asleep in Christ—**will see Jesus**

This is a future certainty grounded in resurrection hope.

The Condition of the Heart

Matthew 5:8 adds another promise:

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

Seeing God is not only eschatological; it is also **relational**. It is tied to the heart.

Seeing Jesus Along the Way

Jesus expands this idea in **John 14:21**:

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me... and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

The word “**manifest**” comes from the Greek ἐμφανίζω (*emphanízō*), meaning:

- to cause to appear
- to make plainly seen
- to reveal openly

Jesus promises **self-revelation in the present**, not only visibility in the future.

Meeting the Father on the Road

This brings to mind the parable of the prodigal son (**Luke 15**).

The father does not wait at the doorway.

- He **runs to meet** the son
- The encounter happens **before** the son reaches home

Likewise, Christ meets us **along the way**—before the journey is finished.

God’s Nearness in Trouble

Psalms 46:1 declares:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

God is not distant or silent until the end of time. He is **present now**.

How Christ Makes Himself Known Today

Jesus reveals Himself in many ways:

- through **His Word**
- through **angels** or providential protection
- through the **kindness of others**
- through lived **experience**

At times, He may even reveal Himself **quite literally**, according to His wisdom and our need.

A Testimony of Divine Nearness

The lesson recounts a dream experienced by **Ellen G. White**, illustrating that:

- Christ meets His people in moments of deep need
- His presence brings assurance, courage, and peace

The method may differ, but the promise does not.

Final Assurance

Seeing Jesus is not limited to one moment at the end of time.

- We will see Him **then**
- And by His grace, we can encounter Him **now**

Christ does not merely wait for us at the destination.
He walks toward us on the road.