



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Sunday 21st December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Deep



*Scripture: **Isaiah 7:10-14***

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Reflection

In the words of the Prophet Isaiah we hear that God will stop at nothing to secure the faith of King Ahaz (as God speaks through Isaiah). There are no restrictions on the sign - it will be as deep as Sheol or high as heaven. Ahaz refuses and Isaiah (with frustration) responds that God will give a sign anyway. What does it mean to you that God will stop at nothing and has no restrictions to show you that you are God’s beloved one?

To Listen

All Who Are Thirsty by Benton Brown (features the words ‘Come Lord Jesus Come’ and ‘as deep calls out to deep’)

O Oriens by Cecilia McDowall