

Open Heaven 10 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 10 May 2025 devotional for today is GOD'S CALL.

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OPEN HEAVEN 10 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: GOD'S CALL

MEMORISE

Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

1 Corinthians 7:20

READ: 2 Chronicles 26:3-21

3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred.

13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the Lord, that were valiant men:

18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the Lord God.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, from beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the Lord had smitten him.

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 10 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Many people believe that God only calls individuals into pulpit ministries – this is untrue.

If God only calls people to serve Him on the pulpit, then it means that He is leaving other important areas of life to the devil. Every believer has a calling in one area of life or the other. In the Bible, we see God calling people into government. Joseph was called into leadership, and his obedience preserved the lives of his people (Genesis 45:7). Daniel was also called to shine God's light in the government of idolatrous Babylon, and he obeyed. He served under several kings and fulfilled his calling to reveal the power and presence of God through his roles in the government (Daniel 6:25-28). Also, Nehemiah wasn't called into the office of a priest; he was called to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and he did this joyfully (Nehemiah 2:1-5). Esther stayed at her duty post in the government house before God called her into the influential position of the queen in the palace (Esther 2:16-17). Her submission to God saved the lives of the Jews when Haman, their enemy, plotted to destroy them (Esther 7).

God also calls people into business. Lydia of Thyatira was a seller of purple, an expensive cloth worn by kings and queens. Only very rich people could afford her wares, and God positioned her there so that she could use her resources to advance the kingdom (Acts 16:14).

God calls people to serve in different areas of life. Do you know the area He has called you into? People who live or move outside their places of calling will struggle because they have set themselves against God's purpose for their lives. In 2 Chronicles 26:16-21, the Bible tells us about King Uzziah, who decided to operate in another office that God did not call him into. As Israel's king, he enjoyed God's grace and favour until he decided to operate in the office of a priest. He went into the temple to burn incense and didn't return the same way; he came out leprous and was isolated.

Whenever people operate in places God has not called them into, they become isolated from His grace and provision.

Beloved, if God has called you to serve Him in any area of life, focus on your calling in that area. Do not compare yourself to other people who are flourishing in other areas. Obey God wholeheartedly in your calling, and you will experience His abundant grace and provision.

KEY POINT

Find out what God has called you to do and focus on it.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Chronicles 8-11

RCCG HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 10 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY

Memorise: 1 Corinthians 7:20 (KJV)

“Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.”

This verse establishes the devotional's core principle: **Faithfulness to one's divine assignment is key to experiencing God's grace and provision.**

Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles 26:3-21 (KJV)

The tragic account of **King Uzziah**—a successful ruler who lost everything when he **overstepped his calling** into the priestly office—serves as a sobering case study in divine placement.

Key Insights from the Devotional:

1. The Myth of “Pulpit-Only” Calling

- **Biblical Corrective:**

- *Joseph* in government (Genesis 41:39-40)
- *Daniel* in civil service (Daniel 2:48)
- *Nehemiah* in construction (Nehemiah 2:5)
- *Lydia* in commerce (Acts 16:14)

- **Reformation Truth:**

Martin Luther's doctrine of vocation affirms **all legitimate work as divine calling** when done for God's glory.

2. Four Divine Spheres of Influence (With Biblical Examples)

1. Government & Leadership

- *Joseph*: Preserved nations through administrative wisdom (Genesis 45:7)
- *Esther*: Saved her people through political influence (Esther 4:14)

2. Marketplace & Business

- *Lydia*: Funded apostolic ministry through textile trade (Acts 16:14-15)
- *Boaz*: Modeled righteous business practices (Ruth 2:1)

3. Creative & Technical Fields

- *Bezalel*: Anointed artisan for tabernacle construction (Exodus 31:1-5)
- *Hiram*: Master craftsman for Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 7:13-14)

4. Home & Social Services

- *Dorcas*: Ministered through clothing the poor (Acts 9:36-39)
- *Priscilla & Aquila*: Tentmakers who discipled Apollos (Acts 18:2-3, 26)

3. The Danger of Calling Drift (2 Chronicles 26:16-21)

- **Uzziah's Error:**
 - Successful king (v.5) ? Coveted priestly role (v.16) ? Struck with leprosy (v.19)
- **Modern Parallels:**
 - Business leaders neglecting their enterprises for pulpit envy
 - Artists abandoning their craft for "more spiritual" pursuits
 - Parents outsourcing childrearing to pursue ministry recognition

4. Discerning Your Divine Assignment

- **Three Confirmation Metrics:**
 1. *Providential Gifting* (Romans 12:6-8)
 2. *Sanctified Desire* (Psalm 37:4)
 3. *Affirmed Fruitfulness* (John 15:16)
- **Warning Signs of Misplacement:**
 - Chronic frustration in role
 - Repeated closed doors
 - Lack of spiritual authority

5. The Blessing of Divine Placement

- **Fourfold Promise for Those in Right Assignment:**
 1. *Grace for Productivity* (1 Corinthians 15:10)
 2. *Divine Connections* (Acts 16:14 – Lydia & Paul)
 3. *Supernatural Protection* (Daniel 6:22 – in the lion's den)
 4. *Eternal Reward* (Matthew 25:21 – "Good and faithful servant")

Practical Applications for Today's Believers

For the Professionally Frustrated:

- Conduct a *spiritual gifts assessment* (1 Peter 4:10)
- Seek godly counsel (Proverbs 11:14) to evaluate if you're in proper alignment

For the "Ordinary" Worker Feeling Inferior:

- Remember *Jesus spent 90% of His life in carpentry* before public ministry
- Your workplace is your *primary mission field* (Colossians 3:23)

For Leaders Tempted by Platform Envy:

- Study *John the Baptist's contentment* in his wilderness assignment (John 3:30)
- Practice *daily surrender prayers*: "Not my will but Yours" (Luke 22:42)

Warning & Encouragement

- **Warning:** *“Like Uzziah, presumption forfeits favor”* (Proverbs 16:18)
 - **Encouragement:** *“Faithfulness in small things releases greater things”* (Luke 16:10)
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Conclusion: Your Assignment Matters

1. **God needs kingdom agents in every sphere**—not just church buildings
 2. **Your current position is providential**—maximize it for God's glory
 3. **Divine contentment beats human ambition**—bloom where planted
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Prayer Response

“Father, reveal my true kingdom assignment. Give me grace to excel where You’ve placed me, resisting comparison or covetousness. Let my life demonstrate that all work is worship when done for You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Final Charge

“The world doesn’t need more pulpit stars—it needs godly bankers, righteous politicians, and anointed engineers who will transform systems for Christ.”

Will you be God’s change agent in your sphere today?

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