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# OPEN HEAVEN 11 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

**TOPIC: GOD'S TIMING** 

#### **MEMORISE**

Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Genesis 18:14

READ: Genesis 21:1-2

And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

## RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 11 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

God's ways are perfect, and this includes His timing (2 Samuel 22:31). In Genesis 12:1-3, He promised Abraham, "Through your seed shall all the earth be blessed." At that time, Abraham had no child, and 25 years later, nothing had happened. However, one day, Abraham was sitting in front of his tent, and his appointed time came. In Acts 2:1, the Bible says, ".....when the day of Pentecost was fully come..." God didn't act one minute too soon or too late.

Beloved, there is an appointed time for your miracle. When that day comes, nothing special might seem to be happening, but your miracle will not pass you by. You might just be going about your normal business like Abraham, who was just sitting in front of his tent. Moses' appointed time met him at the backside of a desert while going about his shepherding duties (Exodus 3:1), and Peter's time came while he was waiting in the upper room (Acts 2). For Saul of Tarsus, his appointed time came as he was travelling to cause havoc (Acts 9).

I received a prophecy in 1961 that I would be travelling abroad regularly. At that time, travelling abroad was a really big deal in my village, and I had not even been to Lagos state, where the international is located.

However, when it was time for that prophecy to start manifesting, it was beyond my wildest imagination. Also, when I became the General Overseer of RCCG, I left my wife and children in llorin to live in a one-room apartment at Mushin (a relatively poor suburb in Lagos). I wanted to bring my family over to live with me, but I couldn't do that due to the size of my apartment. I went to God in prayers and explained the challenges I was facing. I told Him to help me get decent accommodation.

God's response to me was shocking. He said, "Son, I have decided to build you a city." I was asking Him for a boys' quarters, but He was talking about a city. Today, Redemption City is the manifestation of that prophecy. These prophecies and more looked impossible when I first received them, but God has fulfilled them in my life according to His timing.

Beloved, if God has made promises to you, don't be discouraged if you are yet to see them come to pass. God is not a liar; if He makes a promise, He will surely fulfil it (Numbers 23:19).

Wait for His appointed time.

#### **KEY POINT**

Remain steadfast in God; the appointed time for the fulfilment of His promises will surely come

#### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

2 Chronicles 12-16

RCCG HYMN 21: STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING

## **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 11 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY**

Memorise: Genesis 18:14 (KJV)

This verse anchors the devotional's central truth: **God's promises are certain**, **and His timing is impeccable**.

Bible Reading: Genesis 21:1-2 (KJV)

This passage demonstrates God's faithfulness to His word—precisely when He said He would act.

## **Key Insights from the Devotional:**

#### 1. The Nature of Divine Appointments

- Biblical Case Studies:
  - o Abraham & Sarah: 25-year wait for Isaac (Genesis 12:1-3 ? 21:1-2)
  - o Moses: 40-year desert preparation before deliverance calling (Exodus 3:1)
  - o Pentecost: The disciples waited 50 days after Christ's ascension (Acts 2:1)
  - o Paul: Conversion en route to persecute Christians (Acts 9:1-6)
- Common Characteristics:
  - 1. Often involves protracted waiting periods (Habakkuk 2:3)
  - 2. Manifestation comes unexpectedly during ordinary activities
  - 3. Always exceeds human expectations (Ephesians 3:20)

#### 2. Why God's Timing Seems Delayed

- Four Purposes of Divine Delays:
  - 1. Character Development: Abraham's faith was perfected through waiting (Romans 4:19-21)
  - 2. *Divine Positioning*: Joseph needed to be in Egypt before famine struck (Genesis 45:5-7)
  - 3. *Spiritual Alignment*: The disciples needed Pentecost's power before global mission (Acts 1:8)
  - 4. Maximum Impact: Lazarus' death allowed greater glory manifestation (John 11:4, 40)

#### 3. The Testimony of the Author's Life

• 1961 Prophecy of International Travel:

- Seemed impossible for a village boy
- Manifested beyond imagination in God's time
- Housing Need vs. Redemption City:
  - Prayed for modest accommodation
  - God promised (and built) an entire city
- Key Lesson: Human limitations cannot constrain divine promises (Jeremiah 32:27)

#### 4. How to Respond While Waiting

- 1. Maintain Active Faith (Hebrews 11:1)
  - Abraham kept believing despite his aged body (Romans 4:19-20)
- 2. Continue Daily Obedience (Psalm 37:23)
  - Moses was shepherding when his call came (Exodus 3:1)
- 3. Reject Discouragement (Galatians 6:9)
  - The disciples waited 10 days after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:12-14)
- 4. Prepare for Manifestation (Amos 4:12)
  - Sarah prepared baby clothes before visible pregnancy

#### 5. The Certainty of God's Promises

- God's Character Guarantees Fulfillment:
  - He cannot lie (Numbers 23:19)
  - His word never returns void (Isaiah 55:11)
  - His calendar is perfect (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

## **Practical Applications for Believers Today**

#### For the Weary Waiter:

- Create a "Promise Journal" to record God's words to you
- Pray: "Lord, help me trust Your timing like Abraham did."

#### For the Doubting Heart:

- Study *Luke 1* compare Zechariah's doubt (v.18) with Mary's faith (v.38)
- **Declare:** "What God has promised, He is able to perform" (Romans 4:21)

#### For the Impatient Soul:

- Fast from calculating timelines for one month
- Meditate on 2 Peter 3:8 God's perspective on time

#### Warning vs. Encouragement

• Warning: "Presumption tries to force promises (like Sarah with Hagar)" (Genesis 16:1-2)

• Encouragement: "Patient faith always receives reward" (Hebrews 6:12)

## **Conclusion: Standing on the Promise**

- 1. God's delays are not denials they're divine preparations
- 2. Your "ordinary moment" may be God's appointed time stay alert
- 3. No promise is too hard for God even resurrection power is available (Romans 8:11)

#### **Prayer Response**

"Father, I surrender my timeline to Your perfect will. Strengthen my faith to wait without wavering. Help me recognize my 'set time' when it comes, and prepare me to steward the manifestation for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen."

#### **Final Charge**

"The same God who kept Abraham waiting 25 years is orchestrating your breakthrough. Will you trust Him in the waiting room of faith?"

Your set time is coming!

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