Open Heaven 12 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 12 June 2025 devotional for today is GOD HATES DIVORCE.

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OPEN HEAVEN 12 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: GOD HATES DIVORCE

MEMORISE:

For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. Malachi 2:16

READ: Mark 10:2-9

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 12 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

God designed the marriage institution to be sacred (Genesis 2:24), but unfortunately, many people in the world today do not see it that way. Many married couples treat their businesses and careers better than their marriages, and expectedly, the divorce rate has become alarming across the world. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16); hence, His children should never toy with it. When a couple gets divorced, they go against God's commandment not to separate what He has joined together.

I know some people seek divorce because they consider their marriages 'hell on earth'. While I sympathise with them, the truth is that no amount of pain on earth can be compared to an eternity in hell. Divorce is not God's will; it is the hardness of man's heart that made Moses permit it among the Israelites (Matthew 19:3-9).

The pain of divorce is also often very deep. It negatively affects families and can be felt for several generations. It opens doors to many vices and a lot of the decadence we see in the world today.

Yes, spouses should separate when lives are threatened and then trust God for a full restoration of the family.

Married couples must stay rooted in the basics of marriage (Ephesians 5:22-33) just as successful athletes who want to remain relevant must stick to the basics of their sports.

Unconditional love and submission, sacrifice, reverence, and God's word are the basics of marriage; if couples stick to them, they will experience bliss and peace in their marriages.

Married couples must pray together regularly. They must remain vigilant and never be ignorant of the devil's devices (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Sometimes, when the devil is after a married couple with children, his main target is not the couple themselves but their children since he knows that broken homes often, if not always, negatively affect children. Married couples should defend their homes and protect their children with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, if you are married, consistently stand in the gap for your marriage with prayers. God has restored many 'dead' marriages because one or both parties prayed and acted according to His word concerning their marriage.

If you are planning to get married, you must prayerfully seek God's counsel before doing so. For Christian marriages to be successful, couples must ensure that their marriage is rooted in God's word and also ensure that they work together to nurture it with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINT:

Lord, please heal every home that is on the brink of divorce, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 43-49

HYMN 29: WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY WAY

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 12 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY

The Sacredness of Marriage in a Throwaway Culture

In an era where relationships are treated as disposable, today's devotional reminds us that **marriage is a divine covenant, not a human contract**. God's original design (Genesis 2:24) stands in stark contrast to modern attitudes that prioritize careers and convenience over covenant. Through biblical truth and practical wisdom, we'll explore why **God hates divorce** and how couples can build divorceproof marriages.

1. The Divine Perspective on Divorce

A. God's Original Design vs. Human Compromise

- God's Plan: One man, one woman, one flesh for life (Mark 10:8-9)
- Human Adaptation: Moses permitted divorce due to hard hearts (Mark 10:5)
- Jesus' Clarification: Divorce was never God's ideal (Matthew 19:8)

B. Why God Hates Divorce (Malachi 2:16)

- 1. It Violates Covenant: Marriage reflects Christ & Church (Ephesians 5:32)
- 2. It Damages Generations: Children suffer identity wounds
- 3. It Opens Spiritual Doors: Broken covenants invite demonic oppression

C. The Only Biblical Exception

• Physical Safety: Separation when lives are threatened

• **Goal:** Temporary protection leading to restoration (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)

2. The Devastating Consequences of Divorce

A. Personal Impact

- Emotional trauma worse than death (prolonged grief)
- Financial devastation (double households)
- Spiritual confusion (broken covenant)

B. Generational Effects

1. On Children:

- 5x more likely to live in poverty
- 2x more likely to drop out of school
- $\circ\,$ More susceptible to addiction and depression
- 2. On Society:
 - 85% of youth in prison come from fatherless homes
 - 71% of high school dropouts lack father involvement

Biblical Example:

The rebellious sons of Eli (1 Samuel 2:12) illustrate how parental failure produces generational dysfunction.

3. The Four Pillars of Covenant Marriage

A. Unconditional Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

- Not based on feelings but covenant commitment
- Covers sins (Proverbs 10:12)

B. Biblical Submission (Ephesians 5:21-33)

- Mutual honor with different roles
- Husband's sacrificial love ? Wife's respectful support

C. Spiritual Intimacy

- Daily prayer together
- Regular communion (spiritual and physical)

D. Warfare Mentality (2 Corinthians 2:11)

- Recognize Satan targets:
 - Communication breakdown
 - Financial stress
 - In-law interference
 - Sexual dissatisfaction

Practical Defense:

- Weekly marriage check-ins
- Annual spiritual retreats
- Accountability with mature couples

4. Hope for Struggling Marriages

A. For Those Considering Divorce

- 1. Seek Godly Counsel: Not from secular therapists alone
- 2. 90-Day Experiment:
 - $\circ~$ No divorce talk
 - Daily prayer together
 - Weekly date nights
- 3. Remember: No earthly pain compares to hell (Matthew 16:26)

B. For Those Already Divorced

- 1. Receive God's Mercy: (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- 2. Break Generational Curses: Through repentance
- 3. Future Relationships:
 - Wait for clear confirmation
 - Ensure biblical grounds for remarriage

C. For Singles Considering Marriage

- 1. Foundation Check:
 - Both born-again?
 - Shared vision?
 - Emotional health?
- 2. Pre-Marital Counseling: Minimum 6 months
- 3. Parental Blessing: When possible (Exodus 20:12)

Prayer for Marital Restoration

"Father, we repent for trivializing what You called sacred. Heal our marriages with Your covenant love. Where Satan has sown discord, let Your peace reign. Raise up intercessors for struggling couples. Make our homes testimonies of Your faithfulness, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Conclusion: Rebuilding a Marriage-Honoring Culture

1. Church Responsibility:

- Teach biblical marriage uncompromisingly
- Create support groups for struggling couples

2. Government Responsibility:

- Reform no-fault divorce laws
- Incentivize marriage counseling

3. Personal Responsibility:

- Daily choose covenant over convenience
- Mentor younger couples

Final Warning:

As marriage goes, so goes the church. As the church goes, so goes the nation.

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