Open Heaven 14 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 14 June 2025 devotional for today is PEACE IN A STORM.

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TOPIC: PEACE IN A STORM

MEMORISE:

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

READ: Mark 4:35-41

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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In a storm, there is always so much turmoil, but right in the middle of it is the part called 'the eye of the storm', which is usually peaceful and calm. When you are connected to the Almighty God, no matter how much trouble surrounds you, you will always experience peace and calm.

In 1 Kings 17:1, rivers dried up, and people suffered. There was so much hunger in the land, yet God provided for Elijah at all times. At one point, God sent ravens to bring him bread and meat every morning and evening. When the brook dried up, God sent him to a widow to sustain him (1 Kings 17:9).

When you are connected to the King of kings, your experience will always be different from that of others around you. For example, during an economic downturn, when people are anxious about their finances, a child of God will be calm, knowing that his or her economy is in Zion, where the streets are made of gold.

In today's Bible reading, when Jesus and His disciples were travelling on the sea, a storm arose, but Jesus slept peacefully through it because He is connected to the Father. While the disciples were scared of perishing, He slept like a baby with a pillow (Mark 4:38). Paul also faced a huge storm, and in the midst of it, while the other people on the ship spoke of dying, he spoke of life and deliverance because God sent His angel to assure him of safety (Acts 27:20-25). His connection with God gave him the assurance that nothing evil would befall him.

Beloved, if you are in a storm and you don't want to be swept away, you must remain connected to God. What can destroy this connection is sin. Isaiah 59:1-2 says that there is always a gap between sinners and God, and even though His arms are everlasting (Deuteronomy 33:27), they cannot reach the sinners.

When people allow sin into their lives, they leave the centre of God's will where peace and joy reign. When Jonah chose to go to Tarshish in disobedience to God, a storm arose, and he found himself in the belly of a big fish (Jonah 1:1-17).

Sin will always bring a fellow into negative situations, and that is why you must not toy with it at all. Economies and nations will fail, but if you want to keep blossoming and flourishing amidst negative reports, you must shun sin and remain connected to God.

KEY POINT:

Believers who remain connected to God will thrive amidst storms.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 50-55

HYMN 19: ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

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The Paradox of Peace in Chaos

In nature's fiercest hurricanes, there exists a calm center called "the eye of the storm." This devotional reveals how believers can experience supernatural peace amidst life's tempests when they maintain unbroken connection with God. Through biblical examples and spiritual principles, we'll discover how to remain anchored when everything around us is in turmoil.

1. The Divine Protection in Life's Storms

A. Elijah's Supernatural Provision (1 Kings 17)

- While drought devastated Israel:
 - Ravens brought bread and meat (v.6)
 - $\circ\,$ A widow's oil and flour never ran out (v.16)
- Principle: God's children operate under a different economy (Psalm 37:19)

B. Jesus Sleeping Through the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

- Contrast between:
 - Disciples' panic: "Don't You care we perish?"
 - Christ's peace: Asleep on a pillow
- Revelation: Connection to the Father brings unshakable peace (John 14:27)

C. Paul's Assurance in Shipwreck (Acts 27:20-25)

- While others despaired:
 - Paul received angelic assurance (v.23)
 - Declared: "No life shall be lost" (v.22)
- Key: Divine connection brings prophetic perspective

2. The Danger of Disconnection Through Sin

A. The Barrier of Sin (Isaiah 59:1-2)

- God's power isn't limited
- But sin creates separation that:
 - Blocks answered prayer
 - Hides God's face
 - Removes divine protection

B. Jonah's Storm of Disobedience (Jonah 1)

- One man's sin endangered many (v.12)
- The storm ceased only after:
 - Jonah acknowledged his sin (v.12)
 - Was cast into the sea (v.15)

C. Modern Parallels

- Financial storms from dishonest gain
- Health crises from sinful habits
- Emotional turmoil from unforgiveness

3. Maintaining Connection During Turbulent Times

A. Practical Steps for Abiding Peace

1. Daily Communion

- Morning prayer anchor (Mark 1:35)
- Scripture meditation (Joshua 1:8)

2. Prompt Repentance

- 1 John 1:9 cleansing
- Keeping short accounts with God

3. Thankful Perspective

- Counting blessings in storms (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Remembering past deliverances

B. The Believer's Assurance

- Divine Protection: Psalm 91 coverage
- Supernatural Provision: Philippians 4:19 promise
- Ultimate Peace: John 16:33 overcoming power

4. The Testimony of Storm Survivors

A. Biblical Examples

- Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6)
- Shadrach in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3)
- David fleeing from Saul (1 Samuel 23)

B. Modern-Day Overcomers

- Corrie ten Boom in Nazi camps
- Persecuted Christians maintaining joy
- Believers thriving in economic crises

Prayer for Storm-Proof Faith

"Father, anchor me in Your peace that surpasses understanding. Forgive every sin that would disconnect me from Your presence. Teach me to rest in You as Jesus did in the boat. Make me a testimony of Your sustaining power, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Conclusion: Your Storm Has an Expiration Date

- 1. No storm lasts forever (Psalm 30:5)
- 2. God controls the winds and waves (Mark 4:41)
- 3. Your test becomes a testimony (Revelation 12:11)

Final Challenge:

What storm are you facing today?

- Identify any disconnection (sin, neglect)
- Reconnect through repentance
- Rest in God's peace
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