

The Open Heaven 18 July 2025 devotional for today is DON'T THINK FOR GOD.

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Description

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TOPIC: DON'T THINK FOR GOD

MEMORISE:

Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Job 26:14

READ: Romans 11:33-36

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 18 JULY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Many times, believers ask God for things and then begin to think about how He will achieve them. In reality, however, our brains cannot understand how God will do the things He wishes to do.

For instance, when a man says he has a PhD in Mathematics, it may sound like a big deal, but in truth, he can only be a specialist in an aspect of the subject. If he finds himself among fellow mathematicians, they will begin to ask him questions like, "What is your area of specialisation?" If he says, "Applied Maths", they might further ask, "What section of Applied Maths?" He might respond, "Fluid Dynamics". They can still ask, "What section of Fluid Dynamics?" The questioning can go on until it becomes evident that his PhD degree is just a little pin-head in Mathematics.

It will take you over 1,000 years to know all there is to know about Mathematics. However, God knows all Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, and all other subjects, including those that are yet to be discovered. You simply can't compare your wisdom and knowledge to His. Why, then, do believers try to calculate how He will choose to do something?

When I became the General Overseer of The Redeemed Christian Church of God in 1981, quite a few people in the church thought that my appointment was rigged. They thought that I used my position as a Mathematics lecturer to manipulate the General Superintendent because he was uneducated.

I looked up to God to show the people that I did not manoeuvre my way into becoming the General Overseer and that He chose me Himself. God then began to do something extraordinary.

We used to hold monthly seminars for some days, and on the first day of each seminar, a woman would deliver a baby boy in our maternity centre. After several months of this happening, it became clear that it was not coincidental, and those with spiritual understanding among us discerned that it was a sign from God confirming that He had chosen me Himself. I could never have imagined that God would use this as one of the ways to confirm that He had chosen me.

Beloved, when you ask God for something, please don't ever think of how He will do it because it is beyond you. Just ask, obey whatever instructions He gives you, and leave the rest to Him.

OPEN HEAVEN 18 JULY 2025 KEY POINT

When you ask God for something, don't think about how He will do it; only trust and obey Him.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 12-14

HYMN 1: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 18 JULY 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Job 26:14

"Lo, these are parts of His ways: but how little a portion is heard of Him? but the thunder of His power who can understand?"

This verse humbles human intellect before God's infinite wisdom. What we perceive of His ways is merely a **fragment**—His methods are beyond full comprehension, yet always perfect.

BIBLE READING: Romans 11:33-36

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!"

Paul's doxology declares that God's **plans and processes** transcend human logic. Our role is **trust**, **not analysis**.

The Futility of "Figuring Out" God's Methods

Pastor E.A. Adeboye's testimony about his divine appointment as G.O. illustrates a critical truth: **God confirms His will in ways we'd never engineer**.

1. Why Human Logic Fails to Decipher Divine Plans

- Limited Knowledge (Job 38:4-5):
 - Even a PhD (like Adeboye's in Mathematics) is a "pin-head" of understanding compared to God's omniscience.
- Unpredictable Methods (Isaiah 55:8-9):
 - The monthly baby boys at RCCG seminars were an unimaginable confirmation of Adeboye's calling.

2. Biblical Examples of God's Unconventional Confirmations

- Gideon's Fleece (Judges 6:36-40):
 - God answered **specific**, **odd requests** to build Gideon's faith.
- Elijah's Fire vs. Baal's Prophets (1 Kings 18:38):

o God used dramatic, undeniable power to silence doubters.

3. The Danger of "How" Thinking

- It Distracts from Faith (2 Corinthians 5:7):
 - Like Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:30), overanalyzing "how" leads to sinking.
- It Limits God (Mark 6:5-6):
 - Jesus couldn't do miracles in Nazareth due to their skeptical calculations.

4. How to Respond to God's Mysterious Ways

- 1. Ask Boldly Without Stipulating Methods (John 16:24).
- 2. Obey Promptly When He Speaks (1 Samuel 15:22).
 - Naaman almost missed healing by arguing about river dips (2 Kings 5:10-14).
- 3. Watch for Unexpected Confirmations (Psalm 37:23).
 - o Adeboye didn't **plan** the baby boy signs—God orchestrated them.

Practical Steps to Trust God's Wisdom

- 1. Pray the "Whatever" Prayer:
 - o "Lord, I ask for [request]. Whatever way You choose to answer, I trust You."
- 2. Study God's Track Record:
 - Meditate on Scriptures where God worked unexpectedly (e.g., Red Sea parting, virgin birth).
- 3. Silence Doubt with Worship:
 - When confused, declare like Paul: "To God be glory forever!" (Romans 11:36).

Conclusion: Rest in His Unsearchable Wisdom

Ask yourself:

- "Have I been limiting God by demanding He work my way?"
- "Am I missing His confirmations because they don't fit my expectations?"

Prayer:

"Father, forgive me for trying to box Your power into my understanding. Help me to ask, obey, and marvel at Your wonder-working ways, in Jesus' name!"

Remember: **God's "how" is none of your business—your job is to believe.** When you release the need to understand, you position yourself for **miracles that silence every critic**.

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter." (Proverbs 25:2).

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