

Open Heaven 18 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 18 October 2026 devotional for today is TRUE HOLINESS IS OBEDIENCE.

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TOPIC: TRUE HOLINESS IS OBEDIENCE

MEMORISE:

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
1 Peter 1:15-16

READ: 1 Kings 17:1-10

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.
4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.
5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.
8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

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Holiness, as far as I am concerned, is complete and prompt obedience. I learnt this from my study of Elijahâ??s life. Whenever God instructed him to do anything, his response was always, â??Yes, Lord.â?• God told him to hide by a brook, and his response was, â??Yes, Lord.â?• (1 Kings 17:3-5). When God told him to go and live with a widow, he obeyed (1 Kings 17:9-10). Even when God instructed him to go and show himself to King Ahab, he did as the Lord asked, even though the king wanted to kill him (1 Kings 18:1-2).

When you begin to live in complete and prompt obedience to the Lord, you will not have the time to do the things He hates. Elijah was so sold out to the Lord that he did everything that God instructed him to do. No wonder, as soon as he finished praying in 1 Kings 18:36-38, fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice he had prepared. When you are willing to obey God completely and are prompt in doing His will, He will be willing and prompt to answer your prayers.

Some years ago, four other people and I started a Bible study fellowship at the University of Ibadan (UI). The Bible study was held in the home of Professor Aboaba. The fellowship grew, and more professors joined us. At a point, the sitting room could no longer contain us, so we moved to the backyard. One day, as we were settling in for Bible study, it started raining, and the professors prepared to leave to avoid getting drenched. In response, I lifted my hands and said, â??Rain, you canâ??t fall now.â?• That day, it rained everywhere in UI, except in the compound of Professor Aboaba.

People often try to put the cart before the horse in their walk with the Lord. They want God to do all their bidding without bothering to do the things He wants; however, it doesnâ??t work that way. When you obey Godâ??s instructions to abstain from the things He hates and keep yourself unspotted from the world, He will do whatever you want, even before you ask Him.

This is because a person living a holy life will desire only what God loves, and this makes it easy for God to do whatever such a person requests. Beloved, delight yourself in living in complete obedience to the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4).

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to live in complete and prompt
obedience to You, so that my life will glorify You, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Mark 12-13

HYMN: When We Walk with the Lord

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Todayâ??s devotional, **â??True Holiness Is Obedience,â?•** redefines holiness for us. Many people think holiness is about what you wear, what you donâ??t do, or how you look. But Daddy says plainly: **holiness is complete and prompt obedience.**

He learned this from Elijah. Whenever God instructed him, his response was always, â??Yes, Lord.â?• Hide by a brook? Yes, Lord. Live with a widow? Yes, Lord. Show yourself to a king who wants to kill you? Yes, Lord. And because Elijah was so sold out to God, fire fell from heaven when he prayed.

When you obey God completely and promptly, He will answer you completely and promptly.

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1. Holiness Is Complete Obedience

Daddy defines holiness as complete and prompt obedience. Elijah didnâ??t argue. He didnâ??t delay. He didnâ??t negotiate. When God said go, he went. When God said hide, he hid. When God said show yourself, he showed himself.

1 Kings 17:5 says, *â??So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD.â?•* That is holiness in action.

We often want to obey God partially. We obey the instructions we like and ignore the ones we donâ??t. We obey when itâ??s convenient and delay when itâ??s costly. But true holiness is complete obedience â?? holding nothing back, keeping nothing from Him.

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2. Obedience Positions You for Answered Prayer

When Elijah finished praying in 1 Kings 18:36-38, fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice. His obedience led to answered prayer.

Many people wonder why their prayers seem unanswered. Could it be that God has told you to do something, and you have been delaying? Obedience opens the door for answered prayer. When you align with God, heaven aligns with you.

3. A Personal Testimony: The Rain That Fell Everywhere Else

Daddy shares a remarkable story. It started raining when they were about to start a Bible study in their fellowship and the professors were prepared to leave. But Daddy lifted his hands and said, *â??Rain, you canâ??t fall now.â?•*
That day, it rained everywhere in UI â?? except in that compound.

This is what happens when a person lives in obedience to God. Their words carry authority. Their prayers carry power. God backs them up because they are backed up to Him. You donâ??t have to chase authority â?? authority follows obedience.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

We all want God to answer our prayers, bless our efforts, and fight our battles. But we often want to do it without obeying His instructions. We want the blessing without the obedience. We want the fire to fall without the sacrifice of surrender.

But when you obey God, He will do whatever you want â?? even before you ask. Why? Because a person living a holy life will desire only what God loves. And when your desires align with Godâ??s desires, God is happy to grant them.

When you delight in Him â?? when you obey Him â?? your heart begins to desire what He desires. And He gives it to you.

Action Steps

1. Obey Promptly â?? When God tells you to do something, do it immediately. Donâ??t delay. Donâ??t negotiate. Donâ??t wait for a more convenient time. Prompt obedience is true holiness.

2. Deal with Partial Obedience â?? Ask yourself: *â??Is there any area where I am obeying God partially?â?•* Confess it. Surrender it. Give Him complete obedience.

3. Delight Yourself in the Lord â?? Spend time in His presence. Meditate on His Word to do the Word. The more you delight in Him, the more He delights to answer your prayers.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You for calling me to holiness and for showing me that true holiness is obedience. Thank You for the example of Elijah and for the grace to obey You, in Jesusâ?? name.
2. Lord, forgive me for the times I have obeyed You partially or delayed my obedience. Forgive me for wanting Your blessings without surrendering my will, in Jesusâ?? name.
3. Father, give me a heart of complete and prompt obedience. When You speak, let me respond with â??Yes, Lordâ?• â?? without hesitation, without negotiation, in Jesusâ?? name.
4. Lord, I want to live a holy life. Help me to abstain from the things You hate and to keep myself unspotted from the world, in Jesusâ?? name.

5. Father, as I obey You, let my prayers be answered promptly. Let fire fall from heaven when I call on You. Let Your power be evident in my life, in Jesusâ?? name.
6. Lord, let my words carry authority because my life carries obedience. Let me speak and see results. Let me pray and see answers, in Jesusâ?? name.
7. Father, I delight myself in You. Give me the desires of my heart as I walk in obedience. Let my life bring glory to Your name, in Jesusâ?? name.

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