

Open Heaven 2 August 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 2 August 2025 devotional for today is THE FOOLISHNESS OF SIN.

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OPEN HEAVEN 2 AUGUST 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE FOOLISHNESS OF SIN

MEMORISE:

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
Proverbs 14:34

READ: Joshua 7:1-26

1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the

children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 2 AUGUST 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Before I became a Christian, I thought I was clever. I had become a university lecturer, so I thought I knew quite a bit. I was also a sportsman, but I was often down with malaria.

I was earning a good salary as a lecturer, and because I was afraid of the traffic in Lagos, I employed a driver. I would pay him his salary at the beginning of the month, but by the middle of the month, I would be borrowing money from him to buy fuel. Things were hard because Isaiah 3:11 says that God has ordained hardship for sinners. I am sure that if you go through the medical records at the University of Lagos Health Centre, you'll see how large my medical file was because I, my wife, and our children were always getting sick.

However, since I surrendered my life to God, I and my family have been healthy. By His grace, I have been healthy since 1973 to date.

I stopped wasting money when I stopped sinning. Before I became born again, you would find all sorts of alcoholic drinks in my house. Whenever my colleagues came visiting, they would say, "We can't pass in front of the palace without saying hello to the king." They actually came to drink because I was the king of alcohol. After I became born again, they would come, and if they requested alcoholic drinks, I would say, "I'm sorry, I don't have that anymore; I only have soft drinks." They would get offended, and little by little, all my old friends disappeared, and God replaced them with brothers and sisters in Christ. Once you start living a holy life, things will turn around for good in your life.

Sin always takes more than people bargain for. When Joshua led the Israelites to conquer Jericho, everything went smoothly because there was no sin in their camp. However, the moment Achan took the accursed thing, Israel started experiencing defeat. The little country of Ai dealt with them so much that they had to run from the battlefield (Joshua 7:1-4). Sin brings disgrace and dishonour to sinners.

Beloved, it is foolish to engage in sin. Keep God's word in your heart so that you can overcome the temptations that surround you (Psalm 119:11) and flee from every appearance of sin and evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). I pray that the Almighty God will give you the grace to overcome every temptation, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINT:

Heavenly Father, please help me to live for You now and always, in Jesus' name, Amen.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 64-66

HYMN 34: YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 2 AUGUST 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Proverbs 14:34

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”

This verse contrasts the **elevating power of holiness** with the **destructive shame of sin**.

Righteousness isn't just personal—it impacts communities and nations. Conversely, sin humiliates individuals and corrupts systems.

BIBLE READING: Joshua 7:1-26

This passage exposes the **high cost of hidden sin**:

- **v.1**: Achan's disobedience defiled Israel.
- **v.11-12**: Sin broke covenant protection, inviting defeat.
- **v.25-26**: The consequence—death and a heap of stones as a warning.

The High Price of Sin

Today's devotional highlights **three tragic effects of sin** through personal testimony and biblical example:

1. Sin Wastes Resources (Isaiah 3:11)

- **Before Christ:** Daddy Adeboye's salary vanished on alcohol, medical bills, and debt (borrowing from his driver).
- **After Christ:** Financial discipline replaced waste—sin's drain stopped.
- **Biblical Parallel:** Achan's stolen treasure (Joshua 7:21) became worthless—buried under judgment.

2. Sin Breaks Health (Psalm 107:17-20)

- **Testimony:** Frequent malaria and family sickness ended after salvation (1973 to date).
- **Spiritual Principle:** Sin opens doors to oppression (John 10:10a), but obedience invites divine health (Exodus 15:26).

3. Sin Corrupts Relationships (1 Corinthians 15:33)

- **Old Life:** "Friends" only came for alcohol—fellowship centered on sin.
 - **New Life:** God replaced them with godly companions (Proverbs 13:20).
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How to Break Sin's Grip

1. Surrender Fully (Romans 6:13)

- The Pastor Adeboye turnaround began with total commitment—no compromise on alcohol, friendships, or lifestyle.

2. Guard Your Heart (Psalm 119:11)

- Memorizing Scripture fortifies against temptation (Jesus' model in Matthew 4:1-11).

3. Flee Immediately (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

- Achan's mistake: He lingered near temptation (Joshua 7:21). Like Joseph, **run** (Genesis 39:12).
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Warning: Sin's Deception (Hebrews 3:13)

- **Achan's Error:** He thought no one would notice. But sin always:
 - **Exposes** (Numbers 32:23)
 - **Destroys** (James 1:15)
 - **Modern Application:** "Little" sins (white lies, bitterness) erode spiritual covering.
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Prayer for Breakthrough

“Father, shatter every chain of sin in my life! Purge my heart like You purified Israel (Joshua 7:25-26). Replace my reproach with righteousness, my sickness with health, and my wasteful habits with divine order. Let Your Word be my shield (Proverbs 30:5), in Jesus’ name!”

Action Steps

1. **Inventory Check:** Identify one area where sin still lingers (e.g., gossip, greed). Repent today.
 2. **Scripture Armor:** Memorise Proverbs 14:34 and relevant scriptures. Recite it always and when tempted.
 3. **Holy Friendships:** Distance from relationships that pull you into sin (Proverbs 27:17).
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Conclusion: Righteousness Pays (Romans 6:22)

The writer’s testimony proves: **Obedience brings reversal**—health, prosperity, and godly community. Like Israel after Ai’s defeat, **repentance restores victory** (Joshua 8:1).

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay. But righteousness? It exalts—today and forever.”

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