

Open Heaven 20 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 20 May 2025 devotional for today is FROM PROPHECY TO DECREE.

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TOPIC: FROM PROPHECY TO DECREE

MEMORISE

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

READ: Psalm 33:6-9

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

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Prophecies can be conditional. For instance, Isaiah 1:19 says that you will eat the good of the land if you are willing and obedient. Also, Isaiah 3:10 says, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him..." However, when it comes to decrees, God does not attach conditions. In today's memory verse, He said,

"Let there be light," and there was light.

There had been many prophecies concerning Abraham, including prophecies that he would be the father of many nations and that his children would be as many as the stars in the sky. However, in Genesis 18:14, God simply said, "In nine months' time, Sarah will give birth to a son." That is a clear example of turning a prophecy into a decree.

As a child of God, there is always something you need to do to turn prophecies into decrees.

When you provoke a blessing from God, He is likely to turn the prophecies He has given you into decrees. To provoke God into doing this, you need to honour Him. Honouring God does not always have to do with material things.

Abraham didn't give his visitors any gifts; he simply honoured them by hosting them in his home. You can honour God by simply obeying His commands, such as His command to win souls (Matthew 28:19-20). You can also honour Him by serving in your local assembly and honouring him with your firstfruits (Proverbs 3:9).

Another way to honour God is by having faith in His word. In Luke 7:1-10, when the centurion sent the elder of the Jews to plead with Jesus to come and heal his sick servant, Jesus was ready to do so until the man sent his friends to say, "Lord, you don't have to come to my house because I believe Your word is just as powerful as You are. Just speak a word, and my servant will be healed" (Luke 7:6-8). Jesus was amazed at the man's faith, and his servant was healed immediately. Giving God thanks is yet another way to honour Him.

In Luke 17:12-19, ten lepers cried out to Jesus for mercy, and He asked them to show themselves to the priests. They received their healing on the way, but only one of them returned to glorify God. Jesus then decreed his wholeness because he returned to give thanks.

Beloved, as you follow these principles, I pray that every good prophecy you have received will become a decree, in Jesus' name.

KEY POINT

You can provoke God into turning His prophecies concerning you into decrees by honouring Him.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

RCCG HYMN 15: Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour

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Memorise: Genesis 1:3 (KJV)

This foundational Scripture demonstrates the **irrevocable power of divine decrees**—unconditional, creative words that manifest instantly.

Bible Reading: Psalm 33:6-9 (KJV)

This passage confirms that **God’s decrees carry creative power**, unlike conditional prophecies that require human response.

Key Insights from Today’s Open Heaven Devotional

1. The Difference Between Prophecies and Decrees

Prophecy	Decree
Conditional (Isaiah 1:19)	Unconditional (Genesis 1:3)
Dependent on human response	Dependent on God’s sovereignty
Often future-oriented (Jeremiah 29:11)	Immediately effective (Psalm 33:9)
Example: Abraham’s initial call (Genesis 12:1-3)	Example: Isaac’s birth announcement (Genesis 18:14)

2. How to Transform Prophecies into Decrees

- 1. **Through Obedient Faith**
 - Abraham’s hospitality (Genesis 18:1-8) triggered the decree of Isaac’s conception
 - The centurion’s faith (Luke 7:7-9) activated Christ’s healing decree
- 2. **Through Sacrificial Honor**
 - The Shunammite woman’s chamber (2 Kings 4:8-10) provoked Elisha’s decree
 - Solomon’s thousand offerings (1 Kings 3:4) brought divine visitation
- 3. **Through Grateful Worship**

- The thankful leper (Luke 17:15-19) received *complete* healing (Greek: “sozo”)
- David’s psalms of praise often preceded divine interventions

3. Biblical Examples of Prophecy-to-Decree Transitions

- **Abraham:**
 - *Prophecy*: “I will make you a great nation” (Genesis 12:2)
 - *Decree*: “Sarah shall have a son” (Genesis 18:14)
 - *Trigger*: Hospitality + faith (Romans 4:19-21)
- **Hezekiah:**
 - *Prophecy*: “Set your house in order, for you shall die” (2 Kings 20:1)
 - *Decree*: “I will heal you... add 15 years” (2 Kings 20:5-6)
 - *Trigger*: Tears + prayer (2 Kings 20:2-3)

4. Practical Ways to Honor God Today

1. **Soul-Winning Obedience** (Proverbs 11:30)
 - Every convert you lead to Christ honors God exponentially
2. **Firstfruits Faithfulness** (Malachi 3:10)
 - Tithing proves God’s ownership of your resources
3. **Sacrificial Service** (Romans 12:1)
 - Volunteering in church demonstrates kingdom priority
4. **Persistent Praise** (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
 - Thankfulness in trials positions you for decrees

5. The Power of Divine Decrees in Your Life

- **Creative Authority:** Like Genesis 1:3, God can speak:
 - *Health* into your body (Psalm 107:20)
 - *Wealth* into your hands (Deuteronomy 8:18)
 - *Favor* into your relationships (Proverbs 3:4)
- **Activation Keys:**
 1. *Stand on God’s word* during delays
 2. *Obey promptly* when instructed
 3. *Give thanks* before manifestation

Life Applications

For Those Awaiting Prophecies:

- *Action*: Identify 3 unfulfilled prophecies—prayerfully seek what God requires from you
- *Prayer*: “Father, show me any disobedience blocking Your decrees”

For the Discouraged:

- *Study:* Compare Joseph's dreams (Genesis 37) with their fulfillment (Genesis 42:6)
- *Encouragement:* Your prison season may be preparing you for palace decrees

For the Faithful:

- *Declaration:* "As I honor God with my firstfruits, He will decree overflow" (Malachi 3:10-12)
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Warning vs. Promise

- **Warning:** *"Unbelief can neutralize prophecies"* (Hebrews 3:19)
 - **Promise:** *"Faithfulness activates divine decrees"* (Matthew 25:21)
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Conclusion: Positioning for Divine Decrees

1. **God's prophecies are checks—your obedience cashes them**
 2. **Every act of honor is a seed for supernatural decrees**
 3. **The thankful heart always receives wholeness**
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Prayer Response

"Father, transform every prophecy over my life into irrevocable decrees. Give me grace to honor You through obedience, giving, and persistent faith. Let my lifestyle provoke Your creative power as in Genesis 1:3, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Final Charge

"Your next act of obedience could be the key that turns God's 'I will' into 'It is done!'"

Will you position yourself for divine decrees today?

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