Open Heavens 21 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 21 August 2026 devotional for today is BREAKING COVENANTS I.

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TOPIC: BREAKING COVENANTS I

MEMORISE:

But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?
Ezekiel 17:15

READ: 1 Samuel 2:27-31

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohâ??s house?
28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?
29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.
31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy fatherâ??s house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 21 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

God is faithful; He never breaks His promises, nor does He go back on His word. James 1:17 says that there is no variableness nor shadow of turning with Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and He never breaks His covenants.

However, if a fellow breaks a covenant he or she has made with God, then God is under no obligation to keep His part of the covenant.

In Numbers 25:6-13, God made a covenant of eternal priesthood with Phinehas, Eleazarâ??s son, because, in his zeal for the Lord, he struck a man and his concubine dead. However, in todayâ??s Bible reading, God told Eli, â??I entered into a covenant that you and your fatherâ??s house will stand before Me forever, but since you have broken the covenant, I am saying, let it be far from Me.â• Eliâ??s carelessness annulled the covenant God made with his ancestor, Phinehas. As a result of the broken covenant, Godâ??s hedge of protection departed from Eliâ??s household, and his two sons died on the same day. When Eli heard the news of their death, he also died that same day, along with the wife of one of his sons.

This illustrates the importance of a covenant and that the consequence of breaking one is usually death.

The death of a person who is a party to a covenant typically releases such a person from fulfilling his or her part in the covenant; however, God remains faithful to His covenants, even after a person He is in covenant with dies. Deuteronomy 1:2 says that He keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments to the thousandth generation.

Exodus 34:Z tells us that He keeps mercy for thousands. When you keep your covenant with God, it will extend to your descendants. When God promised Abraham that through his seed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18), that promise found its ultimate fulfilment in Jesus, who came 42 generations after Abraham, approximately 2,000 years later. When God promised David that he would always have a seed to sit on the throne (Psalm 89:3-4,29), He never broke His side of the covenant. That covenant was also fulfilled in Jesus.

Beloved, remain faithful to your covenant with God, for in doing so, you will release immeasurable blessings upon yourself and your descendants for generations to come.

KEY POINT

God is faithful; He never breaks His covenants.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 51-52

Open Heavens HYMN 21: STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING

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MEMORISE: Ezekiel 17:15

> *â??But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?â?•*

Breaking covenant with God is a serious offense. No one who rebels against Godâ??s covenant and seeks help from the world will prosper or escape judgment. Covenant-breaking carries consequences.

BIBLE READING: 1 Samuel 2:27-31

This passage records Godâ??s judgment on the house of Eli. A man of God came to Eli and reminded him that God had chosen his ancestors to serve as priests forever. But because Eli honored his wicked sons above God, the covenant was broken. God declared that the days of Eliâ??s house would be cut short, and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, would die on the same day. The covenant was annulled because Eli failed to keep his part.

God Is Faithfulâ??But He Expects Your Faithfulness

> *â??God is faithful; He never breaks His promises, nor does He go back on His word. James 1:17 says that there is no variableness nor shadow of turning with Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and He never breaks His covenants.â?•*

Godâ??s Character	What It Means
No variableness	He never changes
No shadow of turning	He is always faithful
Same yesterday, today, forever	His promises stand forever

â??However, if a fellow breaks a covenant he or she has made with God, then God is under no obligation to keep His part of the covenant.â?•

If You Break Covenant	The Result
God is not obligated to fulfill His part	His protection may depart
You forfeit the blessings	You face the consequences
You lose the benefits	The covenant is annulled on your side

The Case of Phinehas: A Covenant of Eternal Priesthood

â??In Numbers 25:6-13, God made a covenant of eternal priesthood with Phinehas, Eleazarâ??s son, because, in his zeal for the Lord, he struck a man and his concubine dead.â?•

What Phinehas Did	The Result
Acted in zeal for God	God made a covenant with him
He took a stand for holiness	The priesthood was established in his line

The Case of Eli: Breaking the Covenant

â??However, in todayâ??s Bible reading, God told Eli, â??I entered into a covenant that you and your fatherâ??s house will stand before Me forever, but since you have broken the covenant, I am saying, let it be far from Me.'â?•

1 Samuel 2:30 â?? *â??Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.â?•*

What God Had Promised	Why It Was Annulled
Eternal priesthood for Eliâ??s house	Eli honored his sons above God
His family would stand before Him forever	Eli failed to restrain his sons

â??Eliâ??s carelessness annulled the covenant God made with his ancestor, Phinehas.â?•

Eliâ??s Failure	The Consequence
He did not restrain his wicked sons	His two sons died on the same day
He honored his sons above God	Eli died when he heard the news
He broke the covenant	The hedge of protection departed

â??As a result of the broken covenant, Godâ??s hedge of protection departed from Eliâ??s household, and his two sons died on the same day. When Eli heard the news of their death, he also died that same day, along with the wife of one of his sons.â?•

The Weight of Covenant: Breaking Brings Death

â??This illustrates the importance of a covenant and that the consequence of breaking one is usually death.â?•

Breaking Covenant with God	The Consequence
Loss of protection	Death and destruction
Annulment of promises	Judgment on your household
Departure of Godâ??s hedge	Enemies prevail

God Remains Faithful Even After Death

â??The death of a person who is a party to a covenant typically releases such a person from fulfilling his or her part in the covenant; however, God remains faithful to His covenants, even after a person He is in covenant with dies.â?•

Deuteronomy 7:9 â?? *â??He keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.â?•*

Godâ??s Covenant Extends	Because He Is Faithful
To a thousand generations	He keeps mercy for thousands
To your descendants	He remembers His promises

â??Exodus 34:7 tells us that He keeps mercy for thousands. When you keep your covenant with God, it will extend to your descendants.â?•

The Fulfillment of Covenant: Abraham and David

â??When God promised Abraham that through his seed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18), that promise found its ultimate fulfilment in Jesus, who came 42 generations after Abraham, approximately 2,000 years later.â?•

Godâ??s Promise to Abraham	The Fulfillment
â??Through your seed all nations will be blessedâ?•	Jesus Christ, 42 generations later
God kept His covenant	The promise was fulfilled

â??When God promised David that he would always have a seed to sit on the throne (Psalm 89:3-4,29), He never broke His side of the covenant. That covenant was also fulfilled in Jesus.â?•

Godâ??s Promise to David	The Fulfillment
â??Your throne shall be established foreverâ?•	Jesus, the Son of David, reigns eternally
God never broke His covenant	The promise stands forever

How to Remain Faithful to Your Covenant (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to keep your covenant with God and release blessings for generations:

1. Take Your Covenant Seriously

Do not treat your commitment to God lightly. It is not a casual promiseâ??it is a covenant. Breaking it has consequences.

2. Honor God Above Everyone Else

Eli honored his sons above God. Do not honor anyoneâ??family, friends, or yourselfâ??above the Lord.

3. Restrain Sin in Your Household

Eli failed to restrain his wicked sons. Do not allow sin to go unchecked in your home. Address it. Correct it. Be the spiritual leader God has called you to be.

4. Keep Godâ??s Commands

The covenant is kept through obedience. Keep His commands. Walk in His ways. Do not turn to the left or to the right.

5. Trust God to Keep His Part

When you keep your part, God keeps His. He is faithful. He will not break His covenant. He will extend mercy to your descendants.

Warning: Breaking Covenant Brings Judgment

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: Eliâ??s household lost the covenant because of carelessness. Do not let the same happen to you.

If You Break Covenant	The Result

Godâ??s hedge departs	Enemies prevail
Blessings are lost	Judgment comes
Your descendants suffer	The covenant is annulled

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Covenant Faithfulness

Daddy Adeboye closes with the call to remain faithful to your covenant with God. In doing so, you will release immeasurable blessings on yourself and your descendants.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I take my covenant with You seriously. I will not break it. I will not honor anyone above You. I will not allow sin to go unchecked in my household. Help me to keep Your commands. Help me to be like Phinehasâ??zealous for Your holiness. Let Your covenant extend to my descendants. Let Your mercy reach a thousand generations. I trust You to keep Your part. I will keep mine. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Covenant Check:** Have you been careless with your commitment to God? Are you honoring anything or anyone above Him? If so, repent and realign.
2. **The Household Audit:** Are there areas of sin in your household that you have failed to address? Correct them today. Be the spiritual leader God has called you to be.
3. **The Generational Declaration:** Declare: *â??I will keep my covenant with God. His mercy will extend to my children and my childrenâ??s children.â?•*

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