

## Open Heaven Devotional 21 March 2025: THE SEED OF GOD

### Description

Today's Open Heaven devotional (21 March 2025) is THE SEED OF GOD

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## **OPEN HEAVEN 21 MARCH 2025 DEVOTIONAL**

### **TOPIC: THE SEED OF GOD**

#### **MEMORISE**

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

#### **READ: 1 John 3:7-9**

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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# **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 21 MARCH 2025 MESSAGE**

When God's seed is in you, sin becomes irritating to you. No matter how hungry a cat is, it will not eat faeces. Today's Bible reading says that if you are born of God, you cannot sin because God's seed is in you. As God's child, no matter the temptation you face, His seed in you will help you overcome it.

People who claim to be born again and are still enjoying sin are not truly saved. Sin separates people from God and makes them Satan's lawful captives (2 Timothy 2:26). If you are living in sin, you should cry to God for His salvation that takes away the seed of sin and replaces it with His seed.

God translates believers from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His light (Colossians 1:13) and gives them a new identity and DNA. Just as a mango seed can never produce an apple, Christians don't have the capacity to produce sin because God's seed is in them. However, if a believer refuses to nurture and grow this seed, he or she will be overpowered by sin. Abiding in God's word is one way to allow the seed of God within you to bloom and cause you to bear the fruits of righteousness.

Today's memory verse says that you have been born again of incorruptible seed – the word of God, which lives and abides forever. His word is sharper than any two-edged sword and can discern the intents of our hearts long before they become actions (Hebrews 4:12). Christians who allow God's word to dwell richly in them (Colossians 3:16) will stand strong against temptations and sin. Sin is an operation of darkness, but God's word brings light and understanding (Psalm 119:130). Knowing God's word will make you wise and alert; you will be able to foresee the dangers in certain situations and hide yourself (Proverbs 22:3).

Joseph discerned the evil in Potiphar's wife's request and ran away (Genesis 39:12). Samson, on the other hand, couldn't discern the evil in Delilah's request until it was too late (Judges 16:1-21). If you want to be a great instrument in God's hands, you must take God's word seriously. Anything that keeps you from God's word wants to destroy your soul. God's seed in you will be preserved from the corruption of sin when you make His word your topmost priority.

Don't allow yourself to become Satan's lawful captive.

## **REFLECTION**

Is God's word your meditation all day long? (Psalm 119:97).

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Ruth 1-4

## **HYMN 59: I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS**

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# **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 21 MARCH 2025 COMMENTARY**

The Open Heaven devotional for today is a profound call to holiness and a reminder of the transformative power of God's Word and His divine nature within believers. It emphasizes the incompatibility of sin with the life of a true Christian and underscores the importance of nurturing the "seed" of God's Word in our hearts. Let's break it down:

## **1. MEMORISE: 1 Peter 1:23**

1 Peter 1:23 says, *"Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever."*

This verse highlights the supernatural nature of our rebirth as Christians. We are not merely reformed or improved; we are reborn through the eternal and unchanging Word of God. This "incorruptible seed" is the foundation of our new identity in Christ, and it empowers us to live holy lives. This verse sets the tone for the devotional, reminding us that our transformation is rooted in God's Word and His divine nature.

## **2. BIBLE READING: 1 John 3:7-9**

This Bible passage emphasizes the distinction between those who are truly born of God and those who are not. It states that *"whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God"* (1 John 3:9). As a believer, we are free from sin – not a slave to it – because Jesus has given us a new life. The "seed" of God within produces a new nature that is opposed to sin. This passage challenges us to examine our lives and ensure that we are living in alignment with our new identity in Christ.

## **3. The Nature of God's Seed in Us**

The devotional uses the analogy of a seed to explain the transformative work of God in a believer's life. Just as a mango seed cannot produce an apple, a true Christian, who has God's seed within them, cannot consistently produce sin. This "seed" represents the divine nature of God that is implanted in us at salvation (2 Peter 1:4). It gives us a new capacity to resist sin and live righteously.

However, the devotional also warns that this seed must be nurtured. How? By abiding in God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers are essential for spiritual growth. If we neglect these disciplines, we risk being overpowered by sin, even though we have the potential to overcome it.

## **4. The Danger of Living in Sin**

Today's devotional makes a strong statement: *"People who claim to be born again and are still enjoying sin are not truly saved."* This echoes the teachings of 1 John, which repeatedly emphasizes that a true believer's life will reflect their new nature. Sin separates us from God and makes us "Satan's lawful captives" (2 Timothy 2:26). This is a sobering reminder that genuine salvation produces a change in behavior and attitude toward sin.

For those who are living in sin, cry out to God for salvation. Only God can remove the "seed of sin" and replace it with His divine nature. This is a call to repentance and faith, emphasizing that true freedom

from sin is found in Christ alone.

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## 5. The Power of God's Word

The devotional for today highlights the importance of God's Word in nurturing the seed within us. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word as *"sharper than any two-edged sword,"* able to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. When we allow God's Word to dwell richly in us (Colossians 3:16), it brings light, understanding, and wisdom (Psalm 119:130). This enables us to recognize and resist temptation, as Joseph did when he fled from Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:12).

In contrast, Samson's failure to discern the danger in Delilah's request (Judges 16:1-21) serves as a warning. Without a deep understanding of God's Word, we are vulnerable to sin and its consequences. The devotional challenges us to take God's Word seriously, as it is essential for spiritual growth and victory over sin.

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## 6. Key Message: Guarding the Seed Within

The key message of the devotional is clear: *"God's seed in you will be preserved from the corruption of sin when you make His Word your topmost priority."* This is a call to action for believers to prioritize their relationship with God and His Word. By doing so, we protect ourselves from becoming "Satan's lawful captives" and ensure that the seed within us bears the fruit of righteousness.

The Open Heaven devotional for today serves as both a reminder and a challenge:

- **Reminder:** We have been given a new nature through the incorruptible seed of God's Word. This new nature empowers us to live holy lives and resist sin.
- **Challenge:** We must actively nurture this seed by abiding in God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. Neglecting these disciplines can lead to spiritual weakness and vulnerability to sin.

## Conclusion

This devotional is a powerful exhortation to live in the reality of our new identity in Christ. It reminds us that sin is incompatible with the life of a true believer and challenges us to nurture the seed of God's Word within us. By prioritizing our relationship with God and His Word, we can stand strong against temptation and bear the fruit of righteousness. Let us guard the seed within us and live as children of light, reflecting the nature of our heavenly Father. If you are struggling with sin, cry out to God today and allow His Word to transform you from the inside out.

Amen.

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