Open Heavens 22 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 22 August 2025 devotional for today is BREAKING COVENANTS II.

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OPEN HEAVENS 22 AUGUST 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: BREAKING COVENANTS II

MEMORISE:

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
1 John 4:4

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 22 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Years ago, one of my daughters in the Lord came to me and said, â??Daddy, a young man approached me and said he wants to marry me.â?• I congratulated her, but she replied, â??Daddy, my father told me that I was dedicated to a river goddess when I was born, and a covenant was made that whoever I marry is going to die on our wedding day. I donâ??t want the young man to die.â?• | told her that I know someone stronger than the river goddess.

We prayed a simple prayer, and she left. The next time I saw her, she was happily married and already had a baby. I declare that any evil force that might be hindering your progress is destroyed today, in Jesusâ?? name.

A new and greater covenant can cancel a previously existing one. For instance, if you want to break a covenant with someone, all you need to do is enter into a covenant with someone greater; the greater fellow can release you from the lesser personâ??s covenant by force. If a person enters into a covenant with the devil, the moment he or she enters into a covenant with God, He will wipe out all evil covenants from the fellowâ??s life.

Godâ??s covenant is superior to any other covenant. Our God is stronger than the strongest; therefore, once a person enters into a covenant with Him, He will bind any strong man who was previously in charge of the fellowâ??s life and throw him out.

It is also important to note that the devil still seeks to retain his strongholds in the lives of people even after they have become born again. A stronghold is a deeply entrenched evil pattern that the devil has instilled in a person, and it must be addressed.

Otherwise, the person will continue to operate under its influence even after he or she has become born again. Such strongholds typically include bitterness, pride, generational curses, anger, and other similar issues.

Beloved, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 urges us to pull down strongholds and cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. If you are a party to any evil covenant or are under the influence of any demonic stronghold, cry out to God today to deliver you by His mighty power.

I join my faith with yours and decree that you are completely free from any evil covenant or demonic stronghold that might be in your life, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

Having a covenant with God annuls every evil covenant in a personâ??s life.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Lamentations 1-2

Open Heavens HYMN 10: IN CHRIST ALONE

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 22 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 1 John 4:4

> *â??Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.â?•*

The power of God within you is greater than any power against you. No evil covenant, demonic stronghold, or force of darkness can stand against the One who lives in you.

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

This passage declares that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Old things have passed away; all things have become new. God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. In Christ, your past is wiped awayâ??including every evil covenant and stronghold.

The Covenant with the River Goddessâ??Broken by a Greater Covenant

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The Evil Covenant	The Threat
Dedicated to a river goddess at birth	Whoever she married would die
An ancient covenant binding her future	She lived under fear

> *â??I told her that I know someone stronger than the river goddess.â?•*

The Response	The Result
â??I know someone strongerâ?•	The covenant was broken
A simple prayer	She was set free

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Trust in Godâ??s power	She married happily

â??We prayed a simple prayer, and she left. The next time I saw her, she was happily married and already had a baby.â?•

Before Jesus	After Jesus
Bound by a covenant of death	Set free by the power of God
Afraid to marry	Happily married with a child
Under the river goddess	Under the covenant of the Most High

â??I declare that any evil force that might be hindering your progress is destroyed today, in Jesusâ?? name.â?•

A New Covenant Cancels the Old

â??A new and greater covenant can cancel a previously existing one. For instance, if you want to break a covenant with someone, all you need to do is enter into a covenant with someone greater; the greater fellow can release you from the lesser personâ??s covenant by force.â?•

The Principle	The Application
A greater covenant cancels a lesser one	Godâ??s covenant is superior to any evil covenant
The greater party can release you by force	Jesus has already defeated every power
You are free from the old bond	The new covenant sets you free

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Colossians 2:14 â?? *â??Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.â?•*

What God Does	How He Does It
Wipes out evil covenants	Through the blood of Jesus
Cancels the handwriting against us	Nails it to the cross
Sets you free	By His superior power

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Strongholds: The Devilâ??s Grip After Salvation

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Strongholds Are	Examples
Deeply entrenched evil patterns	Bitterness
Instilled by the devil	Pride
Must be addressed	Generational curses
Can persist after salvation	Anger, fear, addiction

â??Otherwise, the person will continue to operate under its influence even after he or she has become born again.â?•

If You Do Not Address Strongholds	The Result
You remain in bondage	You operate under their influence
You are not fully free	The enemy retains a foothold
Your destiny is limited	You struggle in areas you should overcome

Pull Down Strongholds

â??Beloved, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 urges us to pull down strongholds and cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.â?•

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 â?? *â??For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God.â?•*

The Weapons	What They Do
Mighty through God	Pull down strongholds
Cast down imaginations	Destroy the lies of the enemy
Bring every thought captive	Submit to the obedience of Christ

How to Break Evil Covenants and Strongholds (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to receive complete freedom:

1. Recognize That Greater Is He in You

1 John 4:4 â?? *â??Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.â?•*

No covenant, no stronghold, no demonic power is greater than the Holy Spirit in you.

2. Enter into Covenant with God

If you have not done so, surrender your life to Jesus. Enter into the new covenant by faith. God will break every evil covenant.

3. Confess and Renounce Evil Covenants

If you know you have been dedicated to an idol, a goddess, or any demonic force, renounce it. Say: *â??I break every covenant with any evil power. I renounce it in Jesusâ?? name.â?•*

4. Ask God to Break Strongholds

Pray: *â??Lord, break every stronghold in my lifeâ??bitterness, pride, anger, fear, generational curses. Set me free.â?•*

5. Live in the Freedom of the New Covenant

Do not go back. Do not revisit what God has broken. Walk in your freedom. Live as a new creation.

Warning: Strongholds Must Be Addressed, Not Ignored

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: salvation breaks the power of sin, but strongholds must be specifically addressed.

If You Ignore Strongholds	The Result
They remain active	You operate under their influence
The enemy retains a foothold	You struggle unnecessarily
Your freedom is incomplete	You do not walk in full victory

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Complete Freedom

Daddy Adeboye closes with a decree of freedom over every evil covenant and demonic stronghold. Receive it by faith.

Pray this:

â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I renounce every evil covenant made for me or by me. I break every covenant with any idol, demon, or dark power. I cancel every generational curse and stronghold that has held me captive. I enter into covenant with You. I am a new creation. Old things have passed away. All things have become new. I pull down every stronghold. I cast down every imagination that exalts itself against Your knowledge. I am free. Completely free. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The Covenant Audit:** Have you ever been dedicated to an idol, a river goddess, a cult, or any demonic power? Renounce it today. Speak it out.
2. **The Stronghold Check:** Are there areas where you struggle consistentlyâ??bitterness, pride, anger, fear, or addiction? Ask God to break the stronghold.
3. **The Freedom Declaration:** Declare daily: *â??I am in covenant with God. Greater is He in me. I am free from every evil covenant and stronghold.â?•*

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