

Open Heavens 26 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 26 July 2026 devotional for today is HE FIGHTS YOUR BATTLES.

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OPEN HEAVENS 26 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: HE FIGHTS YOUR BATTLES

MEMORISE:
The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.
Exodus 15:3

READ: Deuteronomy 20:1-4

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,
3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;
4 For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 26 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

I am always praising God, and there are several reasons I do so and will continue doing so. One of the reasons I always give praise to the Almighty is that He always fights my battles for me. He is the Mighty Man of War, as todayâ??s memory verse tells us.

While I was a lecturer at the University of Ilorin in Kwara State, Nigeria, I would often return home from the school campus in the afternoons to have lunch and rest for a while before returning for my evening lectures.
One particular afternoon, I finished my lunch and lay on the couch in the living room to rest. At that time, I was also the pastor of a parish, and many people would often come and go from my living room. I knew that if anyone saw my eyes closed, they would think I was sleeping and wouldnâ??t bother me, so I closed my eyes, put my hands together and put them under my head like a pillow.

Suddenly, someone came into the room and grabbed my hands with one hand and my legs with the other hand while attempting to kiss me. At first, I thought it was my wife, but I realised that a person who could hold my hands and legs at the same time must be very tall, so it couldnâ??t be her. I opened my eyes, and the being vanished. Instantly, I felt a cold sensation all over my body. I got up, got into my car, and drove to the campus for my evening lectures.

Not long after, I began to vomit and pass stool at the same time. When I returned home, I had to crawl out of the car to go to the toilet, and I asked, â??Daddy, what is this? I am Your son. Why is this happening to me?â?• God replied, â??Son, I just want you to see a little bit of the battles I am fighting for you.â?•

Many people think that they are alive because they are wise. However, if God allows them to experience a little bit of the battles He fights for them daily, they will know that they are alive only because of His grace. Beloved, you are alive today, not because you can keep yourself alive, but because God is fighting your battles for you. This is why you must thank Him always. He neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:4), and that is why He can fight your battles even when you are asleep.

PRAYER POINT

Father, I thank You for fighting my battles for me, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 41-43

Open Heavens HYMN 17: PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 26 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Exodus 15:3

> *â??The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.â?•*

This verse is Mosesâ?? declaration after the Red Sea victory.

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 20:1-4

This passage is Godâ??s command to Israel before entering battle. They would face enemies with horses, chariots, and greater numbers. But God said: â??Be not afraidâ?¦ fear notâ?¦ do not trembleâ?¦ neither be ye terrified.â?• Why? Because the LORD your God goes with you to fight for you. The size of the enemy does not matter. The strength of the opposition does not matter. God fights. And when God fights, victory is certain.

The Battle You Never Knew Was Fought

1. A Normal Afternoon Turned into a Spiritual Attack

> *â??While I was a lecturer at the University of Ilorin in Kwara State, Nigeria, I would often return home from the school campus in the afternoons to have lunch and rest for a while before returning for my evening lectures.â?•*

A routine day. Lunch. Rest. A normal afternoon.

> *â??One particular afternoon, I finished my lunch and lay on the couch in the living room to rest. At that time, I was also the pastor of a parish, and many people would often come and go from my living room. I knew that if anyone saw my eyes closed, they would think I was sleeping and wouldnâ??t bother me, so I closed my eyes, put my hands together and put them under my head like a pillow.â?•*

He positioned himself to rest undisturbed. Innocent. Ordinary.

> *â??Suddenly, someone came into the room and grabbed my hands with one hand and my legs with the other hand while attempting to kiss me. At first, I thought it was my wife, but I realised that a person who could hold my hands and legs at the same time must be very tall,*

so it couldnâ??t be her. I opened my eyes, and the being vanished. Instantly, I felt a cold sensation all over my body.â?•

What Happened	What It Revealed
An invisible being grabbed him	A spiritual attack
The being vanished when he opened his eyes	It was not physical; it was demonic
A cold sensation spread over his body	The attack had physical consequences

He had been attacked while restingâ??while doing nothing wrong. The enemy did not wait for him to be weak, tired, or sinful. The attack came in the middle of a normal afternoon.

2. The Physical Aftermath

â??I got up, got into my car, and drove to the campus for my evening lectures. Not long after, I began to vomit and pass stool at the same time. When I returned home, I had to crawl out of the car to go to the toiletâ?¦â?•

The Symptoms	The Severity
Vomiting and diarrhea simultaneously	Violent, debilitating
Crawling out of the car	Could not walk; extreme weakness
Rushed to the toilet	His body was under assault

He was a man of God. A pastor. A lecturer. A servant of the Most High. Yet he was attacked. And he had no idea, until God told him, what had just occurred.

3. Godâ??s Revelation

â??I asked, â??Daddy, what is this? I am Your son. Why is this happening to me?â?? God replied, â??Son, I just want you to see a little bit of the battles I am fighting for you.'â?•

What God Said	What It Means
â??I just want you to see a little bitâ?•	This was only a fraction of what He fights daily
â??The battles I am fighting for youâ?•	God is constantly engaged in warfare on your behalf
â??A little bitâ?•	Most of the battles, you never even know about

â??Many people think that they are alive because they are wise. However, if God allows them to experience a little bit of the battles He fights for them daily, they will know that they are alive only because of His grace.â?•

Human Assumption	The Reality
â??I am alive because I am carefulâ?•	You are alive because God fights for you

Human Assumption	The Reality
â??I am healthy because I eat wellâ?•	You are healthy because God protects you
â??I have succeeded because I am smartâ?•	You have succeeded because God fights your battles
â??Nothing bad happened because I was luckyâ?•	Nothing bad happened because the Man of War intervened

â??Beloved, you are alive today, not because you can keep yourself alive, but because God is fighting your battles for you.â?•

The Nature of Godâ??s Warfare

1. He Fights Even When You Are Asleep

â??This is why you must thank Him always. He neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:4), and that is why He can fight your battles even when you are asleep.â?•

Psalm 121:4 â?? *â??Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.â?•*

When You Are Awake	When You Are Asleep
You can pray, plan, and act	You cannot do anything
You are aware of some dangers	You are completely unaware
God fights alongside you	God fights for you alone

Daddy Adeboye was asleep (or resting with eyes closed) when the attack came. He did not pray first. He did not rebuke the enemy. He was unaware. But God was not unaware. God fought. And after allowing him to see â??a little bitâ?• of the battle, He delivered him.

2. He Fights Battles You Never Know About

â??If God allows them to experience a little bit of the battles He fights for them daily, they will know that they are alive only because of His grace.â?•

The Battles You Know	The Battles You Do Not Know
The ones you prayed about	The ones that never reached you
The attacks you felt	The attacks that were intercepted
The crises you survived	The crises that never happened
The enemies you saw	The enemies you never encountered

Every day, the Man of War intercepts arrows, diverts attacks, and neutralizes schemes that you will never know about. You wake up alive, not because the enemy was weak, but because God is strong.

The Proper Response: Praise and Gratitude

â??This is why you must thank Him always.â?•

Why Thank Him	Because
For the battles you know He won	He delivered you visibly
For the battles you never knew about	He protected you invisibly
For His constant vigilance	He neither slumbers nor sleeps
For His warrior nature	He fights for you, not against you

If Daddy Adeboye had not experienced that attack and Godâ??s subsequent revelation, he would have gone about his life thinking nothing happened. But God allowed him to see â??a little bitâ?• so that he would knowâ??and so that we would knowâ??how much God fights on our behalf.

How to Respond to the Man of War (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the biblical examples, here is how to live in light of Godâ??s constant warfare on your behalf:

1. Live with Constant Gratitude

Do not take your safety, health, and life for granted. Every morning you wake up, say: *â??Thank You, Lord, for fighting for me while I slept.â?•* Every night before you sleep, say: *â??Thank You for the battles You fought today that I never knew about.â?•*

2. Do Not Fear the Size of Your Enemy

Deuteronomy 20:1 â?? *â??When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them.â?•*

What You See	What You Must Remember
Bigger enemy	Bigger God
Stronger opposition	The Man of War is on your side
Impossible odds	With God, nothing is impossible

3. Do Not Trust in Your Own Strength

The enemy that attacked Daddy Adeboye was invisible, powerful, and fast. No human strength could have stopped it. Do not think you are alive because of your wisdom, your caution, or your abilities. You are alive because God fights for you.

4. Thank God Specifically for Protection

Do not thank Him in generalities. Say: *â??Lord, thank You for intercepting the attack that was meant for me yesterday. Thank You for the battles You fought that I will never know about.â?•*

5. Rest in the Fact That God Never Sleeps

You can sleep peacefully because your Defender never sleeps. You can rest because the Man of War is on watch. You do not have to stay awake to protect yourself. He neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Warning: Do Not Take Godâ??s Protection for Granted

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: you are alive today by grace, not by merit. If God withdrew His protection for one moment, the enemy would overwhelm you.

If God Stopped Fighting	What Would Happen
For one second	You would not survive
For one hour	The enemy would destroy you
For one day	Every attack would land

Do not take His warfare for granted. Do not think you are strong enough on your own. You are not. The Man of War is your only safety.

Conclusion: Your Prayer of Gratitude for Unseen Battles

Daddy Adeboye closes with a call to thank God always because He fights your battles even when you sleep.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that You are the Man of War. You are the LORD, and that is Your name. Forgive me for the times I have taken Your protection for granted. I have thought I was alive because I am careful, wise, or strong. Today, I acknowledge the truth: I am alive because You fight for me. You fight battles I never see. You intercept attacks I never know about. While I sleep, You are awake. While I rest, You wage war. Thank You for every attack that never reached me. Thank You for every arrow that was deflected. Thank You for the enemies You have scattered. I will praise You always. I will not fear the size of my enemies, for You go before me to fight for me. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Gratitude Audit:** Before you sleep tonight, thank God specifically for the battles He fought for you today that you do not know about. Thank Him for waking you up this morning. Thank Him for protecting you while you slept last night.
2. **The Fear Check:** Is there an enemy that seems too big? A problem that seems impossible? A battle you are afraid to face? Remind yourself: *â??The LORD is a man of war. He goes before me to fight for me. I will not be afraid.â?•*

3. **The Rest Challenge:** Tonight, when you lie down to sleep, declare: *â??I rest because my Defender does not sleep. The Man of War is on watch. I am safe.â?•*

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