Open Heaven 3 April 2025 Devotional & Commentary

# **Description**

The Open Heaven 3 April 2025 devotional for today is LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST III. The author of this daily devotion is Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

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**OPEN HEAVEN 3 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL** 

TOPIC: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST III

**MEMORISE** 

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### RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 3 APRIL 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Over the past two days, I have been discussing the significance of the events that happened on the day of Pentecost.

On that day, everyone in that upper room received a touch from God. Their hearts were tuned to God, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

If we truly want a revival in our generation, we cannot watch weak believers remain in their weak states. We must sharpen each other (Proverbs 27:17) such that the 'weakest' among us will be working miracles. If we're really united, we won't look away when we see a brother dozing when he should be praying; we will hold his hand to encourage him to pray.

We will not see a sister dressing indecently and showing signs of backsliding without trying to encourage her faith. If someone's fire seems to be dying, pray for the fellow rather than use him or her as a bad example to others to make yourself look righteous.

Everyone in the upper room on that particular day received a touch from God because they submitted to Him and to one another – nobody felt superior.

In the 70s, I knew a young man called Bro Sam. He wasn't a member of RCCG, but he was very popular because he was heavily anointed by God. He couldn't speak English, but he was so anointed and was well sought after. On one occasion, he was invited to preach at a college. When he got up to say that he didn't speak English and would need an interpreter, Queen's English began to flow from his lips. He didn't know what he was saying, out the message kept flowing.

After about one hour, people began to rush forward, weeping and crying for salvation. As soon as he left the college, he couldn't speak English again. There were testimonies of at least three dead people that God resurrected through him. Whenever he prayed for the sick, he would describe how their sicknesses were moving out of their bodies until they were completely healed.

However, pride entered his heart after a while. and whenever he was called to go for Bible study, he would say "Who is preaching? How many dead people has he raised?" Sadly, he ended up in an asylum.

Beloved, if we want God's power to rest among us, we must shun pride and submit to one another in the fear of God (Ephesians 5:21). We must also look out for the feeble among us and lift them up.

### **ACTION POINT:**

Shun pride and lift your fellow believers up.

#### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

2 Samuel 8-11

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

#### **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 3 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY**

### 1. The Heart of Pentecost: Unity and Mutual Edification

Open Heaven devotional for today draws a direct line between **Pentecostal power** and **interdependence in the Body of Christ**. On the day of Pentecost:

- All in the upper room were filled (Acts 2:1-4). No one was left out.
- No hierarchy existed. They submitted to God and each other (Ephesians 5:21).

#### **Key Insight:**

- Revival thrives where believers **sharpen one another** (Proverbs 27:17), not compete.
- Weak believers are not to be scorned but strengthened (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

#### **Application:**

- ? Identify a "weaker" brother/sister—commit to praying for/with them this week.
- ? Reject spiritual pride (e.g., "I'm more anointed than others").

### 2. The Tragedy of Pride: Bro Sam's Cautionary Tale

The story of "Bro Sam" illustrates:

- 1. God's Power in Humility:
  - He spoke fluent English supernaturally despite no education.
  - Raised the dead, healed the sick signs followed his submission.
- 2. The Fall Through Pride:
  - **Self-exaltation** ("How many dead has he raised?") ? Insanity.
  - o **Principle:** "God resists the proud" (James 4:6).

#### **Modern Parallels:**

• Leaders who belittle others' ministries.

• Believers who flaunt spiritual gifts as status symbols.

#### Warning:

• Gifts ? maturity. Without love, even miracles are empty (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

## 3. Practical Ways to "Submit to One Another"

Today's devotional outlines actions that foster Pentecostal unity:

Situation	Submission in Action	Scripture
A brother is spiritually drowsy	Wake him to pray	Hebrews 10:24-25
A sister dresses immodestly	Correct with love	Galatians 6:1
A leader errs	Restore gently	2 Timothy 2:24-26

#### **Corporate Responsibility:**

- Churches must prioritize discipleship over spectacle.
- Small groups should be safe spaces for growth, not judgment.

### 4. The Fire-Keepers: Reviving the "Feeble"

The devotional warns against **neglecting struggling believers**:

- "If someone's fire is dying..." Pray for them, don't gossip.
- Example: Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands up in battle (Exodus 17:12).

#### **Prayer Strategy:**

"Lord, make me a 'fire-keeper'—someone who reignites passion for You in others!"

### 5. A Prophetic Call to the Modern Church

The devotional for today sounds an alarm:

- Division and pride are extinguishing the Spirit's fire.
- Solution: Return to the upper room values of humility and mutual care.

#### **Declaration:**

"I choose to submit to God and my spiritual family. I will lift others, not lord over them!"

# Final Thought: Your Hands Hold Another's Flame

Pentecost wasn't about solo superstars but a united company (Acts 2:1). Likewise:

- Your encouragement could save a wavering soul.
- Your humility could preserve your anointing.

"The same Spirit who empowered Bro Sam to raise the dead waits to move through YOU—but only if your heart stays low."

### **Action Steps:**

- 1. Repent of any pride or neglect toward weaker believers.
- 2. **Reach out** to one person needing spiritual support today.
- 3. Study 1 Corinthians 12:22-25 on God's care for "weaker" members.

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