



Open Heaven 30 October 2024 Today Devotional: THE LOT OF THE BOASTFUL

### **Description**

The Open Heaven 30 October 2024 devotional for today is **THE LOT OF THE BOASTFUL**.

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### TOPIC: THE LOT OF THE BOASTFUL

#### MEMORISE

Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

Jeremiah 9:23

#### READ: Mark 14:22-31; Mark 14:65-72

##### Mark 14:22-31:

<sup>22</sup> And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

<sup>23</sup> And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

<sup>24</sup> And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

<sup>25</sup> Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

<sup>28</sup> But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

<sup>29</sup> But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

<sup>30</sup> And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

<sup>31</sup> But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

### **Mark 14:65-72:**

<sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

<sup>66</sup> And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

<sup>67</sup> And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

<sup>68</sup> But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

<sup>69</sup> And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

<sup>70</sup> And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

<sup>71</sup> But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.<sup>72</sup> And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 30 OCTOBER 2024 TODAY MESSAGE**

In Matthew 26:31-35, Peter showed himself as a boaster. Jesus Christ turned to the disciples and said that they would desert Him that night, and Peter responded boastfully:

*... Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.*

Matthew 26:33

In other words, he was saying, "Me? Do you know whom you are talking to? If all these weaklings desert you, you can count on me, Lord." The Lord said, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me thrice." He said, "It seems as if you don't know whom you are talking to. Even if I have to die with you, I will die; I can never deny you."

However, in Matthew 26:69-75, who did we find swearing that he did not know Jesus? The same Peter! Whatever a fellow boasts about has power over him or her. This is why the Bible says rejoicing in boasting is evil.

But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. James 4:16

Once you find yourself boasting about something, watch out, that thing is about to become a tool for

the devil to use in bringing you down. This is why you must not boast. The only boasting allowed is boasting in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:31).

That is what David did in 1 Samuel 17:41-47 which led to him defeating Goliath. Even if you feel no one is better than you at something, keep your mouth shut. A man considered to be wiser than all men (1 Kings 4:31) said:

*Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.*  
Proverbs 27:2

Boasting is like being on the battlefield and telling the enemy how to strike and defeat you. You may think you are talking about your strength, but every wise fellow knows that the moment you boast about something, it becomes your weakness. Goliath was boasting before he got struck down by a mere teenager with a catapult. Nebuchadnezzar was boasting about his achievements in one moment, and the next moment, he was eating grass in the field like an animal (Daniel 4:28-33).

Beloved, if you have been a boaster, repent now. You may only boast in God, but avoid all other kinds of boasting. There is no good in boasting outside Christ; it will only lead to shame and defeat.

## **KEY POINT**

Never ever boast in your status, abilities, or possessions.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Luke 23-24

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