



Open Heaven 4 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 4 December 2025 devotional for today is **DELIVERING GOD’S MESSAGES**.

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OPEN HEAVEN 4 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DELIVERING GOD’S MESSAGES

MEMORISE:

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29

READ: 2 Samuel 12:1-14:

1 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man’s lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth,

the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

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When you get sufficiently close to God and begin to intercede for other people, God will tell you things about them. Sometimes, you will not need to tell the people you are praying for the things God tells you about them; you can just give them instructions to guide them into God's will.

However, if God leads you to share some things with them, then you must apply wisdom, especially when the messages are negative. You must take a cue from the way Nathan delivered God's message to David, as we read in today's Bible reading. If Nathan had just told David, "Thus saith the Lord, because you have taken another man's wife and killed the man, evil will befall you," he could have lost his head that day. However, due to the way he presented the message, David got on his knees in repentance.

The purpose of prophecy is for edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3), not to condemn or show everyone that you can hear from God. If your prophecy does not edify, exhort, or comfort the one you are prophesying to, you are likely delivering the message wrongly. Even when Elijah was direct in passing judgment on Ahab because God specifically told him what to say (1 Kings 21:17-29), Ahab repented because the purpose of the prophecy was not to condemn him, but to bring him to repentance, as God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11).

Note that there will be times when, even though you deliver God's message in the right manner, the people who receive the message might still not do the will of God. You can't force people to do God's will; your major responsibility is to deliver God's message. It is up to the recipients of the

message to either believe God's prophet and prosper or not (2 Chronicles 20:20).

Sometimes, God might even allow the hearts of the recipients to be hardened as He did with Pharaoh (Exodus 9:12) so that in future, others will take His word more seriously.

Beloved, Ephesians 4:15 tells us to speak the truth in love. This means that if God wants you to give others a message, you must allow His love to guide whatever you say. It is best to ask God to fill your heart with wisdom and love before you speak so that your words will not do more harm than good.

ACTION POINT

At all times, especially when delivering God's message, let your words always be gracious and edifying.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Corinthians 5-9

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 4 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Ephesians 4:29

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This apostolic command sets the ultimate standard for all spiritual speech. Corrupt communication refers to any word—even a true one—that is delivered in a manner that tears down rather than builds up. God's goal is never merely the transmission of information, but the *ministration of grace* to the listener's heart, leading to transformation.

BIBLE READING: 2 Samuel 12:1-14

This passage is the masterclass in delivering a hard truth:

v.1-4: Nathan's Approach — He uses a parable (a story of injustice) to engage David's heart and conscience before addressing his sin. This bypasses defensive walls.

v.5-7a: David's Self-Judgment — The prophet lets the king pronounce his own guilt, creating a receptive moment for correction.

v.7b-12: The Divine Pronouncement — Only after David's heart is exposed does Nathan deliver the direct, "Thou art the man" and the consequential judgment.

v.13: The Fruitful Result of David's immediate repentance (I have sinned) is the goal of the entire prophetic encounter.

The Ministry of Speaking Truth in Love

Pastor E.A. Adeboye emphasizes that hearing from God is only half of the sacred trust; the other half is the Christ-like delivery of that message. True spiritual authority is demonstrated not in the blunt force of truth, but in the surgical precision of love that aims to heal and restore.

1. The Divine Purpose of Prophetic Communication

The Threefold Goal (1 Corinthians 14:3):

All genuine prophetic words must align with one of these purposes:

- **Edification:** To build up, strengthen, and establish the believer in faith and character.
 - **Exhortation:** To urgently call one toward a specific course of action, encouragement, or warning.
 - **Comfort:** To console, soothe, and reassure with God's faithfulness and presence.
- Any message that does not ultimately serve one of these grace-filled ends is being delivered outside of God's method.

The Heart of God Behind Correction:

The examples of Nathan with David and Elijah with Ahab (1 Kings 21:17-29) reveal that even messages of severe judgment have a redemptive target: *to bring him to repentance*. God's core desire is not the death of the sinner but their turn from wickedness (Ezekiel 33:11). The messenger must carry this same heart.

2. The Nathan Principle: Wisdom in Delivery

Engage the Heart, Then the Ear:

Nathan did not lead with accusation. He led with a story that stirred empathy and a sense of justice. This prepared David's spirit to receive correction by first activating his moral compass. Wisdom finds a point of connection before confrontation.

Allow Self-Conviction:

By asking for David's judgment on the parable, Nathan led David to pass sentence on himself. This technique, inspired by the Holy Spirit, removes the posture of a spiritual *attack* and frames the truth as a personal revelation from God to the listener's own conscience.

Speak with Authority, Not Anger:

Nathan's *"Thou art the man"* was direct and authoritative, yet it came after the heart was prepared. It was the scalpel of truth applied to an area already made sensitive by the Spirit, not a blunt weapon swung in condemnation.

3. The Messenger's Responsibility and Limits

The Obligation: Faithful Delivery:

The messenger's primary duty is to be obedient and accurate in delivering what God has said. We

are stewards of the message, not managers of the outcome (2 Chronicles 20:20).

The Limit: Forced Outcomes:

We cannot force compliance. The hearer has moral agency to accept or reject the word. As seen with Pharaoh (Exodus 9:12), God may even permit hardening to serve a larger sovereign purpose, demonstrating His ultimate authority and ensuring His word is taken seriously in future generations.

The Posture: Humble Detachment:

After a message is delivered in love and wisdom, the messenger must release the outcome to God. Our success is measured by our faithfulness in delivery, not by the recipient's positive response.

4. The Indispensable Foundation: Love (Ephesians 4:15)

Love as the Delivery System:

“*Speaking the truth in love*” means truth is the content, but love is the container. Love considers the listener's vulnerability, timing, and capacity to bear the word. It chooses words that heal, not merely wound.

Love as a Protective Filter:

Before speaking, the wise believer prays, as Daddy Adeboye advises, for God to “*fill your heart with wisdom and love*.” This prayer ensures the message is filtered through God's heart, stripping it of personal pride, frustration, or a desire to “be right.”

Love as the Ultimate Motive:

If the secret motive is to showcase one's spiritual acuity or to condemn, the message is corrupted at its source, regardless of its factual accuracy. Love's motive is always the ultimate good and restoration of the other person.

How to Be a Wise and Loving Messenger

1. Pray Before You Pronounce:

Always take the message back to God before delivering it. Ask: “Lord, is this from You? What is Your heart for this person? How and when should I say this?”

2. Seek Permission for Personal Words:

When delivering a personal correction or word, it is often wise to ask, “May I share something I believe God has laid on my heart for you?” This honors the other person's dignity and prepares them to listen.

3. Focus on the “Why” Behind the “What”:

Don't just deliver a verdict; explain God's heart and the positive purpose behind the correction (e.g., protection, promotion, purity). Connect the warning to God's greater promise.

4. Follow Up with Intercession:

Your responsibility increases after delivery, it does not end. Cover the recipient in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to water the seed of the word and bring about God's desired result.

Warning: The Corruption of a True Word

A true word from God, delivered without love, wisdom, or the goal of edification, becomes *corrupt communication* (Ephesians 4:29). It can push people away from God rather than toward Him. The messenger may be spiritually accurate but morally guilty of wounding a soul they were sent to heal.

Conclusion: A Vessel Fit for the Master's Use

Pray this:

Heavenly Father, Giver of every perfect word, clothe me with wisdom and bathe my heart in Your love. Make me a faithful and skillful messenger who delivers Your truth with such grace that it disarms defenses and draws hearts to repentance and life. Let my speech always minister Your grace, in Jesus' name.

Action Steps:

- **Study the Master Communicators:** Spend a week studying how Jesus delivered hard truths (e.g., to the Samaritan woman in John 4, to Peter in Luke 22:31-32). Note His combination of truth, timing, and tenderness.
- **Practice the Pause:** Implement a 24-hour *rule* before delivering any corrective or weighty personal word. Use that time to pray for love and wisdom, and to confirm the leading.
- **Audit Your Motives:** Before sharing a spiritual insight, ask yourself: *Is this to edify, or to elevate my own spiritual profile? Is my heart hoping for their restoration or for their embarrassment?*

Remember: You are a postman for the King. Your job is to deliver the mail intact and with courtesy, not to write the sentencing inside or force the recipient to open it. The authority of the message resides in its Sender; its efficacy is often determined by the messenger's grace.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (Colossians 4:6).

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