Open Heaven 4 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 4 May 2025 devotional for today is LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION I

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MEMORISE

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end
Jeremiah 29:11

BIBLE TEXT: Psalm 139:13-17

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were

written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 4 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

When I got born again over 50 years ago, I had many questions because I was an academic. As a baby Christian, I had a lot of questions, and I believe my pastor would probably have gotten tired of me if I had asked all of them. I had questions like, “Is it true that God knows the end from the beginning? If yes, did He know that Adam and Eve would eat the forbidden fruit? If He knows the end from the beginning, then He should have definitely known that Adam and Eve would eat the forbidden fruit.

If He knew that they were going to eat the forbidden fruit, why did He plant it? If He planted it, and they ate it as He knew they were going to, why was it an issue?” I had many such questions, and eventually, I turned to God and said, “Daddy, You see my heart; You know I am not issuing You queries. I just want to understand Your word better. Can You please answer these questions?” Finally, I got an answer from God. learnt from Him that the whole world is a stage, and all of us are actors, just as Shakespeare, an English poet, had written. There is a play written by the Almighty God Himself, and this is why Hebrews 10:7 says in reference to Jesus:

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Acts 15:18 says, “Known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world.” Before you were born, God wrote a play, and you and I are to be actors in it. He is the Executive Producer, Producer, and even the Director, and we must follow His instructions to be able to function properly and play our parts according to His design and desire. You can rest assured that His plans for you are great. Today’s memory verse says that God’s thoughts towards you are those of peace and not evil to bring you to an expected end in Him.

Beloved, God has a great plan for your life, and He intends for you to fulfil it so you can enjoy His peace. However, you must follow His script as it is contained in His word. Trust and obey His word, and He will bring you to a glorious end.

ACTION POINT

Glory awaits you if you live your life strictly according to God’s word.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Chronicles 17-19

RCCG HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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Memorise: Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

This foundational Scripture assures us that **God's plans for us are good, purposeful, and filled with hope.** No matter what we face, His ultimate intention is **peace, fulfillment, and a glorious destiny.**

Bible Reading: Psalm 139:13-17 (KJV)

This passage reveals that **God intricately designed us before birth** and **wrote our life's script in His book.** We are not accidents; we are **divinely orchestrated.**

Key Lessons from the Devotional:

1. God Knows the End from the Beginning (Isaiah 46:10)

- The author's early questions (about Adam, Eve, and free will) reflect a deep theological truth: **God is sovereign, yet humans have moral responsibility.**
- **Divine Foreknowledge ? Divine Causation:**
  - God **knew** Adam and Eve would sin, but He **allowed it** because He already had a **redemptive plan (Genesis 3:15, John 3:16).**
  - The forbidden fruit was a **test of obedience**, not a trap (Deuteronomy 30:19).

2. Life Is a Divine Play—We Are Actors in God's Script

- **Hebrews 10:7 (Jesus' words):***"Lo, I come… to do Thy will, O God."*
  - Jesus lived **according to the Father's script** (John 6:38).
- **Acts 15:18:***"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world."*
  - Before creation, God **wrote the story of humanity**, including **your role.**
- **Illustration:** Like a movie director, God:
  - **Wrote the script** (His Word).
  - **Casts each person** (Jeremiah 1:5).
  - **Guides the scenes** (Proverbs 16:9).
  - But unlike actors in a film, **we have free will to obey or rebel.**

3. God's Plans Are Good—But We Must Follow His Word

- **Jeremiah 29:11 Revisited:**
  - God's thoughts = **peace, hope, a future.**
  - But this **requires our cooperation** (Joshua 1:8, Romans 12:2).
- **Example of Jesus:**
  - He **fulfilled His script perfectly** (John 17:4).
  - Result: **Victory, salvation, and exaltation (Philippians 2:9-11).**
- **Warning:**
  - If we **ignore God's script** (like Jonah), we face **chaos and correction.**
  - If we **follow it** (like Joseph), we see **promotion and purpose.**

4. How to Align with God's Script for Your Life

1. **Seek God in Prayer** (Jeremiah 33:3).
   - Like the author, **ask God for understanding.**
2. **Study the Bible Daily** (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
   - God's Word is **the script—read it!**
3. **Obey the Holy Spirit's Guidance** (John 16:13).
   - He is the **"Director"** who whispers your next lines.
4. **Trust God's Timing** (Ecclesiastes 3:1).
   - Every scene in your life has **a divine purpose.**

Common Misconceptions Addressed

"If God controls everything, why do bad things happen?"
Answer: God permits free will and uses even evil for good (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28).

"Does God predestine some to fail?"
Answer: No—He desires **all** to be saved (2 Peter 3:9), but He respects our choices.

Conclusion: Your Role in God's Masterpiece

- **You are not an accident.** God **wrote your story before you were born.**
- **Your choices matter.** Will you **follow His script or rewrite it?**
- **The ending is glorious** if you **trust and obey (Isaiah 1:19).**

Prayer Response:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for writing my life's story with love and purpose. Forgive me for times I've ignored Your script. Help me to seek Your will daily, trust Your timing, and play my part faithfully for Your glory. Amen."

Final Encouragement:
“Life is God’s theater—you are both the actor and the audience. Play your part well, and one day, you’ll see the masterpiece He created.”

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