

Open Heavens 8 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 8 August 2026 devotional for today is YOUR SALVATION IS NOT FOR SALE.

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OPEN HEAVENS 8 AUGUST 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: YOUR SALVATION IS NOT FOR SALE

MEMORISE

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Mark 8:36

READ: Matthew 26:15, 27:3-5

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,
4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.
5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 8 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In todayâ??s world, many people are selling their salvation for all kinds of mundane things. Some have sold their salvation for money, while others have sold it for fame or positions. There is, however, nothing in this world that is worth trading your salvation for.

Anything that a person wants to acquire that will require the person to commit a sin is a trap of the enemy to get the fellow to sell his or her salvation and end up in hell.

In Matthew 16:26, Jesus asked His disciples, â??For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?â?•

These questions still apply to us today. There is no gain in trading the salvation of your soul for anything because nothing in this world is as precious as your soul.

Esau is an example of someone who traded something precious for something mundane and temporary. In Genesis 25:29-34, he chose to despise his privileged position in his fatherâ??s house for just a bowl of pottage. He sold his birthright so cheaply just because he was hungry, and in Hebrews 12:17, the Bible says that he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

In like manner, Judas sold his salvation for money in todayâ??s Bible reading. He threw everything he had learnt from Jesus down the drain for 30 pieces of silver. Whatever lures a person to trade his or her salvation only wants to destroy the fellow. It might offer immediate pleasure and instant gratification, but the devil ultimately aims to use it to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)

One way the devil tries to lure believers into trading their salvation is by making them believe that some sins are not as important as others and telling them that such sins do not matter. However, there is no act of sin that is not significant; every sinful act matters in Godâ??s sight. Every little compromise is a step out of His protective and merciful covering.

Ecclesiastes 10:8 says that a serpent will bite whoever breaks a hedge. In other words, sin exposes a fellow to the attack of the enemy.

Beloved, do not toy with sin because it only offers a oneway ticket to hell. I pray that you will not trade the salvation of your soul for anything in the world, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

Nothing is worth losing the salvation of your soul over.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 15-17

Open Heavens HYMN 14: O What A Wonderful, Wonderful Day

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 8 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Mark 8:36

â??For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?â?•

This is the most searching question ever asked. All the wealth, fame, and power on earth are worthless if they cost you your eternal salvation. Nothing in this world is worth trading your soul for.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 26:15, 27:3-5

These passages record Judas Iscariotâ??s betrayal of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. He agreed to hand over the Son of God for a slaveâ??s price. Later, filled with remorse, he returned the money, threw it down in the temple, and went out and hanged himself. His sin brought him temporary gain but eternal loss.

The Tragedy of Trading Salvation for Trash

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What People Trade Their Salvation For	The Cost
Money	Eternal loss
Fame	Separation from God
Positions	A one-way ticket to hell
Pleasure	Destroyed destiny

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What the Enemy Offers	What He Actually Wants
Temporary pleasure	Your soul
Immediate gratification	Your destruction
A quick profit	Your eternal damnation

Jesusâ?? Question Still Stands (Matthew 16:26)

â??In Matthew 16:26, Jesus asked His disciples, â??For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?'â?•

If You Gain	But Lose Your Soul	The Profit
The whole world	Your soul	Zeroâ??absolute loss
Billions of dollars	Your salvation	Nothing
Fame and power	Eternal separation from God	The worst trade in history

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Esau: The Bowl of Pottage That Cost Everything

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What Esau Gave Up	What He Got
His birthright (covenant blessing)	A bowl of stew
His place in the lineage of the Messiah	A full stomach for a few hours
Eternal significance	Temporary satisfaction

What He Thought	The Reality
â??I can fix this laterâ?•	He sought repentance with tearsâ??but it was too late
â??Itâ??s just a small thingâ?•	It cost him everything

Judas: Thirty Pieces of Silver

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What Judas Gave Up	What He Got
His place among the twelve	30 pieces of silver
His friendship with Jesus	Temporary cash
His calling and destiny	Remorse, shame, and death

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The Enemyâ??s Bait	The Enemyâ??s Goal
Looks appealing	Ultimately destroys
Promises pleasure	Delivers death
Offers instant gratification	Demands eternal payment

The Deception: â??This Sin Is Not That Importantâ?•

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The Devilâ??s Lie	The Truth
â??Itâ??s just a small sinâ?•	All sin separates you from God
â??Everyone does itâ?•	Godâ??s standard is not the crowd
â??It doesnâ??t really matterâ?•	Every compromise matters
â??You can repent laterâ?•	Later may be too late

â??Ecclesiastes 10:8 says that a serpent will bite whoever breaks a hedge. In other words, sin exposes a fellow to the attack of the enemy.â?•

Ecclesiastes 10:8 â?? *â??He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.â?•*

Breaking the Hedge	The Result
Small compromise	The serpent bites
Just one step outside Godâ??s protection	The enemy attacks
â??Itâ??s harmlessâ?•	It exposes you to danger

How to Guard Your Salvation (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to avoid trading your salvation:

1. Value Your Soul Above Everything

Do not let anythingâ??money, fame, pleasure, or positionâ??become more important than your relationship with God. Your soul is worth more than the whole world.

2. Recognize the Enemyâ??s Bait

When something tempts you to sin, ask: *Is this worth my salvation? Is temporary pleasure worth eternal separation from God?* The answer is always no.

3. Do Not Compromise Even in Small Things

Every little compromise is a step out of Godâ??s protection. Sin is sin. Do not minimize it. Do not justify it. Flee from it.

4. Remember the Examples of Esau and Judas

Esau thought it was just a meal. Judas thought it was just money. Both lost everything. Do not be like them.

5. Do Not Expect Repentance to Always Be Available

Esau sought repentance with tears but could not find it. Do not presume that you can sin today and repent tomorrow. Today may be your only day.

Warning: Sin Is a One-Way Ticket to Hell

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: sin is not a playgroundâ??it is a minefield. Every step of compromise takes you closer to destruction.

Sin Offers	What It Delivers
Temporary pleasure	Eternal regret
Instant gratification	Long-term destruction
A quick profit	A one-way ticket to hell

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Conclusion: Your Prayer to Guard Your Salvation

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that you will not trade your salvation for anything. Guard your soul. Value it above all.

Pray this:

â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that You paid the ultimate price for my salvation. I confess that I have been tempted to trade it for temporary things. Forgive me for the times I have

compromised. Forgive me for minimizing sin. I value my soul above the whole world. Help me to see the enemyâ??s bait for what it isâ??destruction in disguise. Give me the courage to say no. Give me the wisdom to flee. I will not be like Esau, who sold his birthright for stew. I will not be like Judas, who sold his Savior for silver. I will not trade my salvation for anything. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The Value Check:** Ask yourself: *What am I tempted to compromise for? Is it worth my soul?* Write down the answer and remind yourself of its true cost.
2. **The Small Sin Audit:** Identify any â??smallâ?• sin you have been minimizing. Confess it. Turn away from it completely.
3. **The Eternal Perspective:** Memorize Mark 8:36. When temptation comes, repeat it aloud: *â??What does it profit me to gain this but lose my soul?â?•*

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