



Open Heaven 8 March 2024 Today Devotional: THE ANOINTED MUST WORK HARD

## Description

The RCCG Open Heaven 8 March 2024 devotional for today is THE ANOINTED MUST WORK HARD. The Open Heavens daily devotional author is Pastor E.A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

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### TOPIC: THE ANOINTED MUST WORK HARD

**MEMORISE:** John 5:17

*But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.*

**BIBLE TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 15:10

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

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## RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 8 MARCH 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Many people see the anointed and envy them; they also want to be able to lay hands on the sick and have them recover. The anointing to heal the sick is, however, available to every believer.

Mark 16:17-18 says that if you are a believer, some signs will follow you, and this includes healing the sick.

When you, however, study Matthew 8:14-18, you will see that the moment you have the healing gift, crowds will come.

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, and then, in the evening, they brought all those who were sick and demon-possessed. The news spread so much that many people came to Him for healing.

If you want to be able to lay hands on the sick for their healing, you must be ready for hard work – you will preach, heal, and comfort the brokenhearted. If anyone is in any form of trouble, they will call on you.

You will also have to set the captives free, so demon-possessed people will be paying you constant visits, and according to Ephesians 6:12, casting out demons involves spiritual wrestling.

Spiritual wrestling is not for the lazy, so if you want to be anointed, you cannot afford to be lazy.

The Lord Jesus had the anointing (Acts 10:38), but in Mark 6:31, He had to tell the disciples, "Let us take a break," because He became so busy that there wasn't enough time to even eat.

If you really want to be anointed, you must be ready to work. I am not saying this to frighten you, I am saying it to get you prepared because someone reading this devotional now is going to get powerfully anointed soon, in Jesus' name.

Many years ago, I read 1 Corinthians 12:31 which says: But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

I realised God approves for His children to be covetous of the best spiritual gifts, so I told God, "Lord, I want double the anointing on Elisha, Paul, Peter, and Jesus when He was on earth. Add everything together and then double it again."

God responded, "You are asking for a dangerous thing; people won't let you rest." I said, "I don't mind." How forward we can be sometimes. I now have a better understanding of His warning.

If you really desire to be anointed, pray the prayer point for today with all your heart.

## **OPEN HEAVEN 8 MARCH 2024 PRAYER POINT**

Father, I am ready to do Your work in any part of the world You send me to. Please empower me to do the work today.

# BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Joshua 14-17

## RCCG HYMN 1: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

<sup>1</sup> All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all!

<sup>2</sup> Let highborn seraphs tune the lyre,

and as they tune it, fall

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>3</sup> Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,

Who fixed this floating ball;

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>4</sup> Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>5</sup> Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by his grace,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by his grace,

and crown Him Lord of all!

<sup>6</sup> Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,

Whom David Lord did call,

The God incarnate, Man divine,

and crown Him Lord of all.

The God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>7</sup> Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at His feet,  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at His feet,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>8</sup> Let every tribe and every tongue  
before Him prostrate fall,  
And shout in universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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