

Open Heavens 4 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 4 August 2026 devotional for today is HE WHO THINKS HE STANDS II.

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OPEN HEAVENS 4 AUGUST 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: HE WHO THINKS HE STANDS II

MEMORISE:

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24

READ: Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 4 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

It is one thing to stand for Jesus, and it is another to keep standing for Him until the end. To stand in Christ until the end requires Godâ??s help (Jude 1:24), and you must consistently enquire from Him to know how you are standing.

2 Corinthians 10:18 says:
For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the lord commendeth.

Many people commend themselves based on their own standards, when, in truth, they have already fallen. God knows those who are still standing in Him; His foundation is sure and He will not allow anyone build falsehood upon it (2 Timothy 2:19).

Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us that on the last day, many people will approach God with confidence, thinking that they ought to be in heaven, but He will send them back and call them workers of iniquity.

They will try to defend themselves using their own standards of judgment, which may include the wonderful works they did in Godâ??s name, but they will still be rejected.

Prophet Isaiah thought he was standing for God until he visited Godâ??s throne room and realised that he was a man of unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5).

Beloved, never assume that you are standing in Christ; consistently examine yourself by His standards to ensure that you are still in the faith. You can do this by constantly weighing your actions and attitudes against Godâ??s word.

For example, how do you react when you are addressed in a manner you consider disrespectful? When people praise you, do you enjoy their praises and bask in pride, or are you quick to redirect them to God, the giver of the gifts you are being praised for? When there is an opportunity to serve, do you avoid it and demand to be served because of your position and achievements, or do you quickly humble yourself, as Jesus did, to serve others? Would you rather have things your way all the time or allow the Holy Spirit to have His way? Godâ??s word is the mirror with which you can always check whether you are standing in Him or not.

James 1:23-25 urges us not to be hearers of Godâ??s word alone, but also doers. Donâ??t be like a man who sees his blemishes in the mirror and fails to correct them. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the areas you are not walking as uprightly as He desires, so that you can make necessary adjustments immediately.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to stand in You until the very end.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 4-5

[Open Heavens HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour]

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 4 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 139:23-24

> *â??Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.â?•*

This is the prayer of a humble heart that knows it cannot judge itself accurately. Only God can reveal hidden faults and lead you in the right path. Self-examination must be done by His light, not your own.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 7:21-23

Jesus warns that not everyone who calls Him â??Lordâ?• will enter the kingdom of heavenâ??only those who do the will of the Father. On judgment day, many will point to their prophecies, miracles, and mighty works, but He will declare, *â??I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.â?•* This sobering passage reveals that outward religious activity is no substitute for genuine, obedient relationship with Christ.

Standing vs. Standing Until the End

> *â??It is one thing to stand for Jesus, and it is another to keep standing for Him until the end. To stand in Christ until the end requires Godâ??s help (Jude 1:24), and you must consistently enquire from Him to know how you are standing.â?•*

Human Commendation	Godâ??s Commendation
Based on your own standards	Based on Godâ??s standards
You may think you are standing	God knows who is truly standing
Your achievements may impress others	Only obedience impresses God

> *â??2 Corinthians 10:18 says: â??For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.'â?•*

Self-Approval	The Lordâ??s Approval
You judge yourself by your works	He judges you by your heart

Self-Approval	The Lordâ??s Approval
You may think you are safe	He knows if you are in the faith
You boast in your achievements	He looks for humility and obedience

The Shock of Judgment Day (Matthew 7:21-23)

â??Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us that on the last day, many people will approach God with confidence, thinking that they ought to be in heaven, but He will send them back and call them workers of iniquity.â?•

What They Claim	What God Says
â??Lord, Lordâ?•	â??I never knew youâ?•
â??We prophesied in Your nameâ?•	â??Depart from meâ?•
â??We cast out devilsâ?•	â??You are workers of iniquityâ?•
â??We did many wonderful worksâ?•	â??I do not know youâ?•

â??They will try to defend themselves using their own standards of judgment, which may include the wonderful works they did in Godâ??s name, but they will still be rejected.â?•

Their Defense	The Problem
â??Look at what I did for Youâ?•	God is not impressed by works done in your own strength
â??I was so active in ministryâ?•	Activity is not the same as obedience
â??I gave my life to Youâ?•	He looks for fruit, not just words

Isaiahâ??s Revelation: When Self-Assessment Fails

â??Prophet Isaiah thought he was standing for God until he visited Godâ??s throne room and realised that he was a man of unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5).â?•

Before Godâ??s Presence	After Godâ??s Presence
Isaiah thought he was righteous	He cried, â??I am undone!â?•
He compared himself to others	He compared himself to Godâ??s holiness
He felt he was standing	He realized he was unclean

Isaiah 6:5 â?? *â??Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.â?•*

Your Own Assessment	Godâ??s Assessment
â??I am doing well spirituallyâ?•	â??You need cleansingâ?•
â??I am better than mostâ?•	â??You are unclean before Meâ?•

Your Own Assessment	Godâ??s Assessment
â??I have not fallenâ?•	â??You have not yet seen your heartâ?•

Examining Yourself by Godâ??s Word

> *â??Beloved, never assume that you are standing in Christ; consistently examine yourself by His standards to ensure that you are still in the faith.â?•*

2 Corinthians 13:5 â?? *â??Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.â?•*

How to Examine Yourself	The Mirror Is Godâ??s Word
Weigh your actions against Scripture	The Word reveals your true condition
Check your attitudes	The Word exposes hidden pride
Test your responses	The Word shows if you are walking in love

> *â??You can do this by constantly weighing your actions and attitudes against Godâ??s word.â?•*

Key Questions for Self-Examination

Daddy Adeboye gives several diagnostic questions to help you check your standing:

1. How Do You React When Disrespected?

Response of Pride	Response of Humility
You become angry and offended	You remain calm and forgiving
You demand respect	You give grace
You retaliate	You turn the other cheek

2. How Do You Respond to Praise?

Response of Pride	Response of Humility
You enjoy the praise	You redirect it to God
You bask in pride	You recognize God as the giver
You think you deserve it	You know it is by His grace

3. Do You Serve or Demand to Be Served?

Response of Pride	Response of Humility
â??I have earned the right to be servedâ?•	â??Jesus came to serve, and so do Iâ?•

Response of Pride	Response of Humility
You avoid humble tasks	You take the lowest place
You remind people of your position	You lay down your position

â??When there is an opportunity to serve, do you avoid it and demand to be served because of your position and achievements, or do you quickly humble yourself, as Jesus did, to serve others?â?•

John 13:14-15 â?? *â??If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one anotherâ??s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.â?•*

4. Do You Want Your Way or the Holy Spiritâ??s Way?

Self-Willed	Spirit-Led
You insist on your preferences	You surrender to His leading
You resist correction	You welcome it
You want control	You yield control

â??Would you rather have things your way all the time or allow the Holy Spirit to have His way?â?•

The Mirror of Godâ??s Word (James 1:23-25)

â??James 1:23-25 urges us not to be hearers of Godâ??s word alone, but also doers. Donâ??t be like a man who sees his blemishes in the mirror and fails to correct them.â?•

James 1:23-25 â?? *â??For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.â?•*

The Mirror Shows You	What You Must Do
Your blemishes	Correct them
Your weaknesses	Strengthen them through Godâ??s grace
Your pride	Humble yourself
Your sin	Repent and turn

â??Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the areas you are not walking as uprightly as He desires, so that you can make necessary adjustments immediately.â?•

How to Keep Standing Until the End (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to examine yourself and stay standing in Christ:

1. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 Daily

Make this your regular prayer: *â??Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me.â?•* Invite God to expose what you cannot see.

2. Measure Yourself by the Word, Not by Others

Do not compare yourself to other believers. Compare yourself to the standard of Scripture. If you fall short, repent and adjust.

3. Welcome Correction and Examination

Do not avoid hard questions. Do not defend yourself when the Word exposes sin. Welcome the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

4. Be a Doer, Not Just a Hearer

Do not just read the Bible and feel good about it. Apply it. When you see a blemish in the mirror of Godâ??s word, correct it immediately.

5. Stay Humble and Teachable

Never assume you have arrived. Never assume you cannot fall. Keep your heart soft. Keep your ears open. Keep your life aligned with Godâ??s will.

Warning: You Can Be Active in Ministry and Still Rejected

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: prophecy, miracles, and mighty works are not proof of your standing with God. Only obedience and intimate relationship with Christ matter.

Religious Activity	Relationship with Christ
Preaching	Knowing Him
Casting out demons	Doing His will
Performing miracles	Walking in humility
Church leadership	Heart obedience

> *â??Godâ??s word is the mirror with which you can always check whether you are standing in Him or not.â?•*

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Self-Examination

Daddy Adeboye closes with the call to ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you are not walking uprightly. Do not wait until judgment day to find out.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I come to You with a humble heart. I do not trust my own assessment of my spiritual condition. I have seen those who thought they were standing and fell. I have seen those who prophesied and cast out demons, only to be rejected by You. Search me, O God. Know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me. Show me the blemishes I cannot see. Show me the pride I have hidden. Show me the areas where I have been a hearer and not a doer. I do not want to be rejected on that day. I want to stand. I want to hear You say, â??Well done.â?? Lead me in the way everlasting. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Self-Examination Audit:** Answer the four questions Daddy Adeboye posed this week:
   - How do I react when disrespected?
   - How do I respond to praise?
   - Do I serve or demand to be served?
   - Do I want my way or the Holy Spiritâ??s way?

   Write down your honest answers. Make adjustments where needed.
2. **The Mirror Check:** Pick one area of your life this week where you have been a hearer but not a doer. Apply Godâ??s word to that area immediately.
3. **The Daily Search:** For the next 30 days, pray Psalm 139:23-24 every morning. Invite God to show you what you cannot see. Let Him search you.

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