

Open Heavens 27 November 2026 Todayâ??s Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 27 November 2025 devotional for today is DO NOT PRETEND

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TOPIC: DO NOT PRETEND

MEMORISE:

He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.
Job 13:16

READ: Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 27 NOVEMBER 2026 TODAYâ??S MESSAGE

God hates pretence and hypocrisy. Matthew 15:8 says, â??This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.â?• Who you are in public is who you should also be in private. Mark 4:22 tells us that every hidden thing will be manifested, and every secret will be exposed. The Bible also admonishes in Matthew 5:37 that you should let your â??yesâ?? be â??yesâ?? and your â??noâ?? be â??noâ??.

Many people appear to be perfect in public; however, their private life is nothing to write home about. In church, they pretend to be prayer warriors. During prayers, their voices are usually the loudest, but when they get home, they do not pray. In Matthew 6:5-6, Jesus criticised those who act in such a manner and admonished that, rather than praying in order to be seen, they should enter their closets and pray to their heavenly Father.

Some spouses act in a very obedient and respectful manner towards their husbands or wives whenever they are both in church, but when they get home, they become very disrespectful towards them. If you are one of such people, I implore you today to turn a new leaf.

In Acts 5:1-10, Ananias and Sapphira took their gift to Peter, thinking that they could impress and deceive him; little did they know that the One who sees in secret would reveal their secret. If you are a pretender, one day, everybody will see you for who you truly are. In John 8:1-11, when the Pharisees and Scribes dragged the woman caught in adultery to Jesus, they didnâ??t know that they were coming before the One who knew all their secret faults. They thought that they were exposing the woman, not knowing that they were also exposing themselves. What they thought would be a public execution became a public revelation of their private sins. When Jesus asked the person who was without sin to cast the first stone, they began to leave the scene one after the other.

It is better to be like the Publican who, in todayâ??s Bible reading, prayed to God in humility. He recognised himself as a sinner, asked for mercy, and was justified. The Pharisee, on the other hand, pretended before the Almighty God, and he went home the same way he came. Beloved, God will always help the sincere, but His mercy will be far from the pretenders.

KEY POINT

Pretenders will not experience Godâ??s mercy.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Romans 11-14

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There is a temptation that lurks in the heart of every believer: the temptation to appear more spiritual than we actually are. We want people to see us as prayer warriors, devoted spouses, and committed Christians, even when our private lives tell a different story. Todayâ??s devotional, â??Do Not Pretend,â?• is a loving but firm warning from Daddy about the danger of hypocrisy. God hates pretence. He sees the heart, and He will not be mocked. But there is hope for the sincere â?? God helps those who come to Him in honesty and humility. Letâ??s examine what the Word says about this vital truth.

God Hates Pretence and Hypocrisy

The first lesson is that God hates pretence and hypocrisy. Matthew 15:8 says, *â??This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.â?•* Daddy says plainly, *â??Who you are in public is who you should also be in private.â?•* In todayâ??s Bible reading, the Pharisee stood in the temple and prayed, *â??God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possessâ?•* (Luke 18:11-12). He was performing, not praying. He was comparing himself to others rather than humbling himself before God. In everyday life, this means that God is not impressed by our performance. He is not moved by how loud we pray in church or how well we quote scripture. He sees the heart. He knows whether our worship is genuine or whether we are just going through the motions. Proverbs 11:1 says, *â??A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.â?•* Pretence is a false balance. It is presenting a weight that is not true. And God hates it. He wants truth in the inward parts (Psalm 51:6). He wants us to be the same person in private that we are in public.

If You Are a Pretender, People Will Know One Day

The second lesson is that if you are a pretender, people will know one day. Mark 4:22 says, *â??For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.â?•* In Acts 5:1-10, Ananias and Sapphira took their gift to Peter, thinking that they could impress and deceive him. Little did they know that the One who sees in secret would reveal their secret. In everyday life, pretence is exhausting. You have to remember what you said, what you did, and who you were supposed to be. And eventually, the mask slips. The truth comes out. People see the real you. Daddy says, *â??If you are a pretender, one day, everybody will see you for who you truly are.â?•* This is not a threat â?? it is a mercy. God is warning us before the exposure happens. He is giving us time to repent, to be real, and to stop pretending. In John 8:1-11, when the Pharisees and Scribes dragged the woman caught in adultery to Jesus, they didnâ??t know that they were coming before the One who knew all their secret faults. What they thought would be a public execution became a public revelation of their private sins. When Jesus asked the person who was without sin to cast the first stone, they began to leave the scene one after the other. The pretenders were exposed, and the woman was saved. God sees the truth, and in His time, He reveals it.

God Helps the Sincere

The third lesson is that God helps the sincere. In todayâ??s Bible reading, the publican stood afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, *â??God be merciful to me a sinnerâ?•* (Luke 18:13). Jesus said, *â??I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exaltedâ?•* (Luke 18:14). The publican was not perfect, but he was sincere. He did not pretend to be something he was not. He came to God as a sinner in need of mercy, and he received it. In everyday life, this means that God is not looking for perfect people â?? He is looking for honest people. He wants you to come to Him as you are, not as you pretend to be. Psalm 51:17 says, *â??The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.â?•* The Memorise verse says, *â??He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before himâ?•* (Job 13:16). The hypocrite has no place before God, but the sincere heart is always welcome. God will help the sincere. He will forgive, cleanse, and restore. So come to Him honestly. Lay down the mask. Be real. He already knows you anyway, and He loves you still.

Real Before God

What a sobering and freeing word from Daddy. God hates pretence and hypocrisy. If you are a pretender, people will know one day. But God helps the sincere. This is a message that calls us to honesty. It is a call to be the same person in private that we are in public. It is a call to lay down the masks, stop performing, and come to God as we truly are. This week, examine your life. Where have you been pretending? In your prayer life? In your marriage? In your church attendance? In your relationships? Bring it to God. Repent of the hypocrisy. Ask Him to make you real. And remember the publican â?? he went home justified, not because he was perfect, but because he was sincere. God will help you too.

Action Steps

1. **Examine your private life.** Take an honest look at who you are when no one is watching. Compare your private life to your public persona. Ask God to show you any areas of pretence and give you the courage to face them.
2. **Be real with God.** Stop performing and start praying honestly. Bring your struggles, your failures, and your doubts to God. He already knows them, and He loves you still. Let your prayer life be a place of honesty, not a show.
3. **Be consistent.** This week, make a deliberate effort to be the same person in private that you are in public. Let your actions at home match your words in church. Let your private habits match your public testimonies.

Prayer Points

1. **Father, I thank You** for loving me enough to call me out of pretence. Thank You for seeing my heart and for drawing me to sincerity and truth.
2. **Lord, forgive me for the times I have pretended to be someone I am not.** Forgive my hypocrisy and cleanse me from every form of pretence, in Jesusâ?? name.
3. **Father, help me to be real and sincere.** Let my private life be a true reflection of my public life, and let my heart be genuine before You, in Jesusâ?? name.

4. **Lord, remove every mask I have worn.** Let me stop performing and start living in the truth of who I am in Christ, in Jesusâ?? name.
5. **Father, give me a broken and contrite heart.** Let me come to You like the publican, recognizing my need for Your mercy, in Jesusâ?? name.
6. **Lord, help me to be consistent in my walk with You.** In my home, in my church, and in my relationships, let me be the same person, in Jesusâ?? name.
7. **Father, make me sincere and true before You.** Let Your mercy and help be near to me, and let my life bring glory to Your name, in Jesusâ?? name.

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