

Open Heavens 17 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 17 August 2026 devotional for today is THE GAINS OF GODâ??S COVENANT II.

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TOPIC: THE GAINS OF GODâ??S COVENANT II

MEMORISE:

Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers: Deuteronomy 7:12

READ: Genesis 20:1-18

And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.
2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.
3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a manâ??s wife.
4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?
5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the

integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.
7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.
8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.
9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.
10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wifeâ??s sake.
12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my fatherâ??s house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.
14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.
15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.
17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.
18 For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abrahamâ??s wife.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 17 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Years ago, a highly influential man in an Islamic nation, where church planting was prohibited, invited one of our missionaries to establish a church within his compound. When the church started, his wife said to him, â??With your position in government and your influence in this nation, you allowed a church to be established in your compound?â?• He looked at his wife and said, â??Donâ??t you dare say a word against these people!â?• I believe that it was easy for the RCCG to plant a church in that nation, and indeed many nations in the world today, because of Godâ??s covenant with its founder, Pa Josiah Akindayomi.

One of the gains of being in a covenant with God is that you will keep getting greater results than your peers as long as you keep fulfilling your part of the covenant. God will keep giving you results that are beyond your efforts. What other people struggle to get will come to you easily because of His covenant with you.

In Exodus 19:5, God said, â??If you will keep my covenant, I will make you a peculiar treasure.â?• This means that people will take a look at you and wonder why God loves you so much.

Several times, when I wake up at night and reflect on all the good things God is doing in RCCG, I usually say, â??Lord, how can you love us this much?â?• Some people might claim that it is because we fast and pray, but believe me, some people fast more than we do. I recall vividly that when I became the General Overseer, I had some of my friends join me in a 36-hour non-stop prayer session. We thought this was a remarkable feat until we heard of a man who prayed non-stop for so much longer! I may not have spent as many hours in prayer at a stretch as that person, yet what God has done for RCCG is unprecedented and truly remarkable. Indeed, there are immense gains in being in a covenant with the Almighty God.

Another gain of being in a covenant with God is protection. When a king took Abrahamâ??s wife, God intervened by appearing in the kingâ??s dream. He went the extra mile to protect her and instructed the king to ask Abraham to pray for him, as we see in todayâ??s Bible reading. Beloved, there are immeasurable blessings that flow from being in covenant with God.

KEY POINT

Being in a covenant with God gives you access to tremendous benefits and makes difficult things easy.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 44-46

Open Heavens HYMN 19: ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

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MEMORISE: Deuteronomy 7:12

> *â??Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.â?•*

When you keep your part of the covenant, God keeps His. He is faithful to preserve, protect, and prosper those who obey Him.

BIBLE READING: Genesis 20:1-18

This passage records Abrahamâ??s sojourn in Gerar, where he told King Abimelech that Sarah was his sister. Abimelech took her, but God appeared to him in a dream and warned him that he would die if he did not return her. God protected Sarahâ??and the covenant promiseâ??despite Abrahamâ??s failure. He even instructed Abimelech to ask Abraham to pray for him. Covenant brings supernatural protection and favor.

Covenant Brings Greater Results Than Your Peers

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Without Covenant	With Covenant
Results limited to your effort	Results beyond your efforts
Struggle to achieve	Supernatural increase
Ordinary outcomes	Extraordinary outcomes

â??What other people struggle to get will come to you easily because of His covenant with you.â?•

You Become a Peculiar Treasure

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Exodus 19:5 â?? *â??Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people.â?•*

A Peculiar Treasure	What It Looks Like
Set apart for God	People notice Godâ??s favor on you
Highly valued by Him	Blessings that others cannot explain
Distinct from the world	They ask, â??What is your secret?â?•

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s Testimony: Why RCCG?

â??Several times, when I wake up at night and reflect on all the good things God is doing in RCCG, I usually say, â??Lord, how can you love us this much?'â?•

â??Some people might claim that it is because we fast and pray, but believe me, some people fast more than we do.â?•

What Some Think	The Real Source
Itâ??s because of fasting	Others fast more
Itâ??s because of prayer	Others pray longer
Itâ??s because of effort	Itâ??s because of covenant

â??I recall vividly that when I became the General Overseer, I had some of my friends join me in a 36-hour non-stop prayer session. We thought this was a remarkable feat until we heard of a man who prayed non-stop for so much longer! I may not have spent as many hours in prayer at a stretch as that person, yet what God has done for RCCG is unprecedented and truly remarkable.â?•

Human Achievement	Covenant Advantage
36 hours of prayer	Unprecedented results
Others prayed longer	Yet God did more through covenant
Effort alone	Covenant multiplies effort

â??Indeed, there are immense gains in being in a covenant with the Almighty God.â?•

Covenant Brings Supernatural Protection

â??Another gain of being in a covenant with God is protection. When a king took Abrahamâ??s wife, God intervened by appearing in the kingâ??s dream. He went the extra mile to protect her and instructed the king to ask Abraham to pray for him, as we see in todayâ??s Bible reading.â?•

Genesis 20:3-7 â?? God warned Abimelech in a dream: *â??Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a manâ??s wife.â?•*

What Happened	How God Protected
Abimelech took Sarah	God appeared in a dream
The covenant was threatened	God warned the king
Abraham failed, but God was faithful	He protected the promise

The Gains of Covenant: A Summary

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here are the gains of being in covenant with God:

Gain	What It Means

Greater results	Beyond your natural effort
Peculiar treasure	Set apart, highly favored
Supernatural protection	God defends you even when you fail
Favor with others	Doors open that shouldnâ??t open

How to Stay in Covenant and Enjoy Its Gains (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to position yourself for covenant blessings:

1. Keep Your Part of the Covenant

Obedience is the condition. Hear Godâ??s commands. Keep them. Do not pick and choose. Fulfill all He asks.

2. Trust God for Results Beyond Your Effort

Do not rely on your strength alone. Covenant multiplies what you sow. Trust God to do what you cannot do.

3. Recognize That You Are a Peculiar Treasure

You are not ordinary. You are set apart. Stop thinking like the world. Start living like someone God has singled out for favor.

4. Rest in Godâ??s Protection

Even when you fail, God protects His covenant. He does not abandon His promises. Trust His faithfulness, not your perfection.

5. Give God the Glory

When people ask, â??What is your secret?â?• tell them: *â??It is Godâ??s covenant. He is faithful.â?•*

Warning: Others May Work Harder, But Covenant Produces More

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent encouragement: you can outwork others and still see lessâ??or you can keep covenant and see more.

Without Covenant	With Covenant
You must outwork everyone	You can rest in His favor
Results depend on your effort	Results depend on His faithfulness
Your labor limits your harvest	Covenant multiplies your labor

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Covenant Gains

Daddy Adeboye closes with the truth that there are immeasurable blessings from being in covenant with God. Do your partâ??and trust Him for the rest.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You for the covenant You have made with me. I do not want to live by my effort alone. I want to enjoy the gains of Your covenantâ??greater results, protection, and favor that others cannot explain. Help me to keep my part of the covenant. Help me to obey Your voice and fulfill Your conditions. I trust You to do beyond what I can ask or imagine. Let my life be a testimony of Your faithfulness. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Covenant Audit:** Review your obedience. Are you keeping Godâ??s commands fully, or are there areas where you are compromising? Realign today.
2. **The Favor Declaration:** Declare daily: *â??I am in covenant with God. I am a peculiar treasure. He protects me. He prospers me.â?•*
3. **The Gratitude Response:** When you see Godâ??s favor, do not attribute it to your effort. Say, *â??Thank You, Lord, for Your covenant. It is Your doing, not mine.â?•*

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