

Open Heavens 3 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 3 August 2026 devotional for today is HE WHO THINKS HE STANDS I.

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OPEN HEAVENS 3 AUGUST 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: HE WHO THINKS HE STANDS I

MEMORISE

Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.
Luke 11:35

READ: 1 Timothy 4:13-16

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 3 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 10:12 says that any man who thinks he is standing should take heed, or else he will fall.

That tells us that a person can be standing today and fall tomorrow if he or she is not careful.

Overconfidence can make someone who has been standing in the Lord for a long time fall. In my 53-year walk with God, I have witnessed many people fall due to overconfidence. They believe that because they have been standing in the Lord for a long time, they are now above certain temptations, and typically, such a mindset would make them careless.

As a Christian, the devil is watching you at all times; if you become careless in any area, he can use that to bring you down. I have heard some men of God boast that they can be in the same room with a naked woman, and nothing will happen. My question is, why is a man of God in a room with a naked woman that isnâ??t his wife in the first place? If a man of God puts himself in such a position, he is already on the verge of falling. I always tell my children that under no circumstances should a man have a female secretary or personal assistant. This is because the man will spend long hours working with the fellow, possibly into the night at times. If such a man places so much confidence in his ability to resist temptation, it may eventually become his undoing.

Overconfidence has also led many people to ignore the basics of their salvation. For example, some ministers of God believe that some Bible study meetings are now beneath them because of their anointing. Some others believe that they donâ??t need to listen or take notes when someone they consider to be below them in hierarchy is preaching. Some even hold other meetings during praise and worship sessions. Actions like these show overconfidence and often lead to a fall.

Beloved, never allow yourself to become overconfident in your walk with God. Do not let any exploits that you may have done in the past distract you from following the basics of your salvation. You can never outgrow walking circumspectly, studying the word of God, fasting, and fellowshipping with other believers. No matter your level of growth in the Lord, you canâ??t outgrow these things. I pray that the Almighty God will keep you standing in Him unto the end of your race here on earth, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

No one can ever outgrow the basics of salvation.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 1-3

Open Heavens HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

VIDEO: OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL FOR TODAY

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 3 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Luke 11:35

â??Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.â?•

This is a sobering warning: what you think is spiritual strength and insight can become a source of blindness if you become careless. Overconfidence dims your light and exposes you to a fall.

BIBLE READING: 1 Timothy 4:13-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to give attention to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. He warns him to â??take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.â?• This passage reminds us that no one outgrows the basicsâ??study, prayer, and self-examination are lifelong disciplines for every believer.

The Danger of Overconfidence: Standing Today, Fallen Tomorrow

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The False Assumption	The Reality
â??I have stood for years, so I am safeâ?•	Standing today does not guarantee standing tomorrow
â??I am above temptationâ?•	No one is above temptation
â??I can handle itâ?•	Overconfidence leads to carelessness

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What Overconfidence Looks Like	The Result
â??I have been a Christian for decadesâ?•	You stop being vigilant
â??I have overcome so muchâ?•	You think you cannot fall
â??I know my limitsâ?•	You test those limits unnecessarily

The Devil Watches for Carelessness

â??As a Christian, the devil is watching you at all times; if you become careless in any area, he can use that to bring you down.â?•

The Devilâ??s Strategy	Your Vulnerability
He watches for openings	Carelessness creates openings
He waits for overconfidence	Pride goes before a fall
He attacks where you are relaxed	Your guard is down

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Boastful Confidence	The Wise Question
â??I can resist anythingâ?•	â??Why are you in that situation at all?â?•
â??I am strong enoughâ?•	â??Why test your strength unnecessarily?â?•
â??Nothing will happenâ?•	â??Why put yourself in a position to fall?â?•

â??If a man of God puts himself in such a position, he is already on the verge of falling.â?•

You do not need to be in the fire to prove you can survive it. Stay away from the fire altogether.

The Principle: Never Put Yourself in a Position to Fall

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The Principle	The Application
Avoid the appearance of evil	Do not put yourself in compromising situations
Flee temptation, do not flirt with it	Create boundaries that protect you
Do not rely on your own strength	Recognize your weakness and guard it

Overconfidence Leads to Neglecting the Basics

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Neglecting the Basics	The Dangerous Mindset
Bible study	â??I already know enoughâ?•
Prayer	â??I have authority; I donâ??t need to pleadâ?•
Fellowship	â??I am above this levelâ?•

â??Some others believe that they donâ??t need to listen or take notes when someone they consider to be below them in hierarchy is preaching.â?•

Prideful Response	Wise Response
â??I have nothing to learn from themâ?•	â??God can speak through anyoneâ?•
â??I am the teacher, not the studentâ?•	â??I am always a student of the Wordâ?•
â??This is beneath meâ?•	â??No discipline is beneath a discipleâ?•

â??Some even hold other meetings during praise and worship sessions. Actions like these show overconfidence and often lead to a fall.â?•

What They Miss	The Consequence
The presence of God	They lose sensitivity to the Spirit
The opportunity to worship	Their hearts grow cold
The fellowship of believers	They isolate themselves

No One Outgrows the Basics

â??Beloved, never allow yourself to become overconfident in your walk with God. Do not let any exploits that you may have done in the past distract you from following the basics of your salvation.â?•

You Can Never Outgrow	Why
Walking circumspectly	The enemy is always watching
Studying the Word	You need fresh strength daily
Fasting	The flesh must be subdued continually
Fellowshipping with believers	You need accountability and encouragement

â??No matter your level of growth in the Lord, you canâ??t outgrow these things.â?•

How to Guard Against Overconfidence (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to keep your light from becoming darkness:

1. Recognize Your Weakness

Do not boast in your strength. Paul said, *â??When I am weak, then am I strongâ?•* (2 Corinthians 12:10). Acknowledge that without Godâ??s grace, you can fall at any moment.

2. Stay Away from Tempting Situations

Do not test your ability to resist. Stay out of compromising positions. If you struggle with lust, do not be alone with the opposite sex. If you struggle with greed, do not handle money without accountability.

3. Never Neglect the Basics

Keep studying the Word. Keep praying. Keep fasting. Keep fellowshipping. These are not for beginners onlyâ??they are for every believer, at every level.

4. Receive Correction and Instruction

Listen to those who are ahead of you and even those who are behind you. God can speak through anyone. Do not let pride close your ears.

5. Stay Humble and Watchful

> *â??Take heed that the light which is in thee be not darkness.â?•*

Regularly examine yourself. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any area where you have become careless or overconfident. Stay humble. Stay watchful.

Warning: Overconfidence Is a Setup for a Fall

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: your past victories do not guarantee future success. You are one careless moment away from a fall.

What You Think	The Reality
â??I am secureâ?•	You are secure only in humility and vigilance
â??I have arrivedâ?•	You have not yet arrived
â??I can handle itâ?•	You cannot handle it in your own strength

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Humility and Watchfulness

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that God will keep you standing until the end. Do not let overconfidence be your undoing.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You for every victory You have given me. But I confess that I have become careless in some areas. I have placed too much confidence in my own strength. I*

have neglected the basics. I have put myself in positions I should have avoided. Forgive me, Lord. Restore the light in me. Help me to walk circumspectly. Help me to never outgrow prayer, Your Word, fasting, and fellowship. Keep me humble. Keep me watchful. And when the enemy comes, let me not fall. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The Carelessness Audit:** Ask God to reveal any area where you have become overconfident or careless. Write it down. Take immediate steps to correct it.
2. **The Basic Check:** Evaluate your commitment to prayer, Bible study, fasting, and fellowship. Have you neglected any of these? Restore them this week.
3. **The â??Why Am I Here?â?• Test:** Before entering any questionable situation, ask: *Why am I here? Is this a place where I could fall?* If so, leave immediately.

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