



Open Heavens 18 January 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 18 January 2026 devotional for today is **CONDITIONAL BLESSINGS**

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TOPIC: CONDITIONAL BLESSINGS

MEMORISE:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
3 John 2

READ: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.
7 The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
9 The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.
10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee.
12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:
14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

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Many times, when we come across a blessing while reading the Bible, we tend to rejoice and

claim that blessing. However, as a Mathematician, I have learned that for certain equations to work as expected, certain conditions must be met. Thus, when I see a blessing in the Bible, I always want to dig deeper to see the conditions that must be met for me to enjoy the blessing.

Some Christians don't enjoy some blessings God has pronounced upon them primarily because they are either ignorant of the required conditions or have failed to fulfil them.

Therefore, it is very important that you know the conditions that are attached to God's promises so you can fulfil and maintain those conditions in order to enjoy the blessings.

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3

In the Scripture above, God gave seven blessings to Abraham based on the following conditions: He instructed him to leave his

country, kindred, and father's house in search of a land He would show him. So, for Abraham to enjoy these blessings, he had to fulfil all the conditions that God gave him. Abraham left his father's

house and his country in search of the land God promised him as he was instructed, but he took one of his kindred (Lot) with him, thereby flouting one of the conditions. As a result, the blessings God promised him remained on hold until Lot separated from Abraham in Genesis 13:14-15.

Today's Bible reading contains some very beautiful promises. However, you should not get carried away by the promises alone; you should also take note of the conditions attached to them. God said that you must hearken diligently to His word and not turn away from it in order to enjoy the blessings. If you read further down in verses 15-18, you will see the consequences of not fulfilling the conditions the blessings were hinged upon.

Beloved, if you meet God's conditions, you will enjoy His blessings. However, if you do not meet them, you will not be able to receive or enjoy them.

KEY POINT

Always take note of the conditions to be met in order to enjoy God's blessings.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Exodus 8-10

HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

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MEMORISE: 3 John 2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

This apostolic prayer reaffirms the inseparable link between internal spiritual health and external holistic blessing. It establishes that the highest form of prosperity is a *consequence* of a soul that is thriving through obedience, truth, and godly character (3 John 3-4). Blessing flows from being, not merely from asking.

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

This passage is the classic covenant text on blessing. It vividly details the comprehensive, tangible, and overwhelming favors that will pursue and overtake God's people. However, its opening words are unequivocal: **And it shall come to pass, IF thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God** (v.1). The entire list of blessings rests on this conditional clause.

The Mathematics of Covenant: Condition Precedes Blessing

Daddy Adeboye, using his analytical background, provides a master key to understanding God's promises: the principle of conditional covenant. God's blessings are not random acts of kindness but specific, promissory notes with clear terms for fulfillment. Ignorance or neglect of these terms is a primary reason believers live beneath their covenant privileges.

1. The Necessity of Scrutinizing the "Fine Print"

Beyond Claiming to Understanding:

Many believers "claim" promises by highlighting the blessing while ignoring the attached commandment. This is spiritual presumption. Daddy Adeboye teaches that every divine equation has a formula. Joyful discovery of a blessing must be followed by a diligent search for its conditional clause (the "if" or "when" attached to it).

The Peril of Selective Obedience:

The Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:1-3) is presented as a case study. God gave seven profound blessings, conditional upon three clear, consecutive commands: leave your country, leave your kindred, leave your father's house. Abraham's partial obedience—taking Lot (his kindred)—caused a divine pause on the blessing flow until full obedience was achieved (Genesis 13:14-15). Partial obedience equals delayed promise.

2. The Deuteronomy 28 Paradigm: Diligent Harkening

"Hearken Diligently" Defined:

This condition (Deuteronomy 28:1) involves more than casual hearing. It means:

- **Attentive Listening:** Giving God's Word your full focus.
- **Heart Understanding:** Seeking to comprehend its full meaning and intent.
- **Willful Submission:** A resolved commitment to obey what is heard.
- **Consistent Application:** Making it the rule of life.

The Blessings are Comprehensive and Practical:

Verses 3-14 list blessings in every realm: urban and rural life, offspring, agriculture, livestock, commerce, defense, national prestige, and spiritual authority. This shows God's desire for holistic dominion. However, each one is contingent on that foundational posture of diligent obedience.

3. The Consequence of Condition-Neglect

Blessings Withheld, Not Cancelled:

Abraham's story shows that conditional blessings are placed on hold, not revoked, when conditions are unmet. God is patient, but the blessing timeline is directly tied to the obedience timeline. The delay is meant to prompt correction.

Opening the Door to the Opposite:

Deuteronomy 28:15 makes it stark: disobedience does not result in a neutral state but actively invokes

the “curses” listed thereafter. You either meet the conditions for blessing or, by default, align with the conditions for lack and struggle. There is no covenantal middle ground.

How to Align for Conditional Blessings

Adopt a “Condition-First” Bible Study Approach:

When you read a promise, immediately ask: “Lord, what is required of me? What is the ‘if’ attached to this ‘then’?” Use a concordance or study tool to see the full context.

Audit Your Life Against Known Conditions:

Take a major promise you are believing for (e.g., Psalm 91:1-16 for protection). List its explicit or implicit conditions (dwelling in the secret place, acknowledging God’s name, etc.). Honestly assess: Am I meeting these?

Pursue Comprehensive, Not Partial, Obedience:

Identify your “Lot”—the person, habit, or association God has instructed you to leave behind that you’ve rationalized keeping. Make the decisive separation. Full obedience releases full blessing.

Warning: Ignorance is Not an Excuse

To be ignorant of the conditions attached to God’s promises is a form of negligence for which we are responsible. God has revealed His terms in His Word. It is our duty to study and align. We cannot claim the benefits of a contract we refuse to read.

Conclusion: Pray for a Harkening Heart

Pray this:

“Heavenly Father, deliver me from selective hearing and partial obedience. Give me the diligence to study, understand, and fulfil every condition attached to Your precious promises. Forgive me for every ‘Lot’ I have clung to in disobedience. Align my heart to harken diligently to Your voice in all things. I choose today to meet Your terms, trusting that as I do, every blessing ordained for me will be released and overtake me, in Jesus’ name!”

Action Steps:

1. **The Promise-Condition Chart:** Take 3 key promises you are standing on. Write them in one column. In a second column, write the clear conditions attached. In a third, write your action step to fully meet that condition.
2. **The Obedience Adjustment:** Identify one area of *partial* obedience in your life (something God has said that you’ve done halfway). This week, complete it.
3. **Contextual Reading:** As you read Deuteronomy 28:1-14 today, also read verses 15-68. Let the stark contrast deepen your reverence for God’s conditional covenant.
4. **Prepare for Tomorrow:** Begin to reflect: What blessings has God sworn to that are *unconditional* and irreversible because they depend solely on His character?

Remember: God is a covenant-keeping God. His promises are yes and amen. Your role is to meet the terms of the covenant with a willing and obedient heart. The blessings are sure, but they are not cheap.

“If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee.” (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). Your obedience activates your inheritance.

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