

Open Heavens 16 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 16 July 2026 devotional for today is
DELIVERANCE FROM THE BURDEN OF DEBTS.

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OPEN HEAVENS 16 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DELIVERANCE FROM THE BURDEN OF DEBTS

MEMORISE:
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Luke 4:18

READ: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out

into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.
6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 16 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will discuss the burden of debt as another category of burdens. Some years ago, we had a housemaid who would always sing, â??The fire is burning the bush, and the bush is not consumed. How great is our God!â?• every time we asked her to bring up a song during our family prayers. One day, it occurred to me to ask her what the unconsumed bush she always sang about was.

When I did, I discovered that she became a housemaid because her parents were heavily in debt and could not pay their bills. Therefore, we decided to pay off all the debt. After paying the debt, the next time we asked her to suggest a song when we wanted to pray, she sang something different. This time, her song was, â??He has done it for me. What my father cannot do, He has done it for me.â?• If you are under any burden of debt, I pray that this will also be your song soon, in Jesusâ?? name.

Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us the story of the widow of one of the sons of the prophets who was in debt. When the creditors threatened to sell her sons into slavery as a means to offset the debts, she cried unto the Burden Bearer, as there was nothing she could do on her own, and the tide turned. God gave her more than enough to pay her debts and live comfortably with her sons.

It is Godâ??s desire for all His children to live debt-free because debts are heavy burdens, and debtors are always at the mercy of their creditors. This is why Proverbs 22:7 says that the borrower is a servant to the lender. The only thing God permits you to owe other people is love (Romans 13:8). If you are currently struggling under a heavy burden of debt, call unto Him today and ask Him to turn your financial situation around for good. No matter the size of the debt, the Burden Bearer will step in and help you to overcome it.
As 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, He is able to make all grace abound towards you and give you sufficiency in all things. He will not only ensure that you become debt-free, but He will give you the power to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18) and make you a lender to nations (Deuteronomy 15:6).

I pray that God will bless you with His abundance and indeed make you a lender to nations, in Jesusâ?? name.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please make me a lender to nations, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 4-8

Open Heavens HYMN 29: WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY WAY

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 16 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Luke 4:18

> *â??The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.â?•*

This verse is Jesusâ?? mission statement, read from the scroll of Isaiah in the Nazareth synagogue.

BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 4:1-7

This passage, familiar from previous devotionals, is the story of the widow of a son of the prophets. Her husband died, leaving behind a massive debt. The creditor was coming to take her two sons as slaves. She had nothing in her house but a small pot of oil. Elisha instructed her to borrow empty vessels from her neighbors, shut the door, and pour the oil. The oil flowed until every vessel was full. She sold the oil, paid the debt, and lived on the remainder.

The Housemaidâ??s Song: From â??The Fire Is Burningâ?• to â??He Has Done It for Meâ?•

1. The Song of the Unconsumed Bush

> *â??Some years ago, we had a housemaid who would always sing, â??The fire is burning the bush, and the bush is not consumed. How great is our God!â?? every time we asked her to bring up a song during our family prayers. One day, it occurred to me to ask her what the unconsumed bush she always sang about was.â?•*

This is a fascinating testimony. The girl sang about the burning bush (Exodus 3)â??where God appeared to Moses in a flame that did not consume the bush. It was a song of survival, of not being destroyed despite the fire.

The Songâ??s Lyrics	Possible Meaning

â??The fire is burning the bushâ?•	The pressure, the trial, the burden
â??The bush is not consumedâ?•	Surviving, but not yet delivered
â??How great is our Godâ?•	Acknowledging God even in the struggle

> *â??When I did, I discovered that she became a housemaid because her parents were heavily in debt and could not pay their bills.â?•*

The â??fireâ?• was her familyâ??s debt. The â??bushâ?• was their household, burning but not yet consumed. She was working as a housemaid because her parents could not afford to keep her at home. The debt had forced their daughter into service.

> *â??Therefore, we decided to pay off all the debt.â?•*

Daddy Adeboye did not just pray for her. He acted. The debt was paid. The fire was extinguished.

2. The New Song

> *â??After paying the debt, the next time we asked her to suggest a song when we wanted to pray, she sang something different. This time, her song was, â??He has done it for me. What my father cannot do, He has done it for me.'â?•*

Before the Debt Was Paid	After the Debt Was Paid
â??The fire is burning the bushâ?•	â??He has done it for meâ?•
â??The bush is not consumedâ?• (still burning, still in danger)	â??What my father cannot do, He has done it for meâ?•
A song of survival	A song of deliverance
Hope that the fire would stop	Testimony that the fire has stopped

> *â??If you are under any burden of debt, I pray that this will also be your song soon, in Jesusâ?? name.â?•*

Not â??the fire is still burning.â?• Not â??we are not consumed.â?• But â??He has done it for me.â?• Complete deliverance. Debt paid. Freedom declared.

The Widowâ??s Debt: A Testimony of Supernatural Provision

1. The Desperate Situation

> *â??Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us the story of the widow of one of the sons of the prophets who was in debt. When the creditors threatened to sell her sons into slavery as a means to offset the debts, she cried unto the Burden Bearer, as there was nothing she could*

do on her own.â?•

Consider the widowâ??s predicament:

Her Problem	The Stakes
Massive debt she could not pay	Creditor was coming
No husband, no income	Her two sons would be taken as slaves
No resources, no collateral	She was helpless, hopeless

She had no job. No savings. No wealthy relative to call. No credit card to borrow from. She had nothing except a pot of oil and a desperate cry.

2. The Burden Bearerâ??s Response

â??God gave her more than enough to pay her debts and live comfortably with her sons.â?•

What She Had	What God Provided
A pot of oil	Oil that flowed into many vessels
A desperate need	More than enough
Fear of losing her sons	Sons freed from slavery
Debt that seemed impossible to pay	Debt paid in full
Nothing left over after the debt	Enough to live on comfortably

â??She cried unto the Burden Bearer, as there was nothing she could do on her own, and the tide turned.â?•

This is the key. She did not try to fix it herself. She did not borrow from another lender. She cried out to God. And God answered.

Godâ??s Desire: Debt-Free Living

â??It is Godâ??s desire for all His children to live debt-free because debts are heavy burdens, and debtors are always at the mercy of their creditors.â?•

The Burden of Debt	The Reality
Debt is a heavy burden	It weighs on the mind, body, and spirit
Debtors are at the mercy of creditors	Creditors dictate terms, impose interest, demand payment
Debt steals peace	You cannot sleep while owing what you cannot pay
Debt limits your future	You cannot serve God fully when you are serving lenders

Proverbs 22:7 â?? *â??The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.â?•*

A Debtor Is a Servant	What That Means
You are not free	Your decisions are constrained by your obligation
Your income is not your own	You are working to pay someone else
You cannot give freely	Debt limits your ability to bless others
You live under pressure	The threat of collection, repossession, legal action

â??The only thing God permits you to owe other people is love (Romans 13:8).â?•

Romans 13:8 â?? *â??Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.â?•*

Owe Love	Owe Money
Always permitted	Permitted only in certain contexts, but not as a lifestyle
Never ending (love is always due)	Should be temporary and quickly resolved
Brings freedom and fulfillment	Brings bondage and stress

God does not prohibit all borrowing (Scripture permits lending and borrowing). But He makes clear that debt is a form of servitude, and His desire is for His children to be free.

The Promise: God Can Turn Your Situation Around

â??If you are currently struggling under a heavy burden of debt, call unto Him today and ask Him to turn your financial situation around for good. No matter the size of the debt, the Burden Bearer will step in and help you to overcome it.â?•

What Debt Says	What God Says
â??This is impossibleâ?•	â??All things are possible to him that believethâ?•
â??You will be in debt foreverâ?•	â??I will restore the years the locust has eatenâ?•
â??Your situation is hopelessâ?•	â??I am the God of the impossibleâ?•
â??You are at the mercy of your creditorsâ?•	â??I am your Provider; trust Meâ?•

â??As 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, He is able to make all grace abound towards you and give you sufficiency in all things.â?•

2 Corinthians 9:8 â?? *â??And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.â?•*

What God Provides	The Result
All grace	Not partial, not occasionalâ??all grace
Sufficiency in all things	Enoughâ??not barely enough, but sufficient
Abound to every good work	Not just survival, but abundance for giving

â??He will not only ensure that you become debt-free, but He will give you the power to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18) and make you a lender to nations (Deuteronomy 15:6).â?•

Deuteronomy 8:18 â?? *â??But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.â?*•

Deuteronomy 15:6 â?? *â??For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.â?*•

From Borrowing to Lending	What God Promises
You will not borrow	Freedom from servitude
You will lend to many	Abundance that overflows
You will reign	Dominion, not debt

How to Be Set Free from the Burden of Debt (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the examples from Scripture, here is how to cry out to the Burden Bearer and receive financial freedom:

1. Acknowledge That You Cannot Do It Alone

The widow did not try to pay the debt through her own efforts. She had nothing. She cried out. Likewise, you must come to the end of yourself. Stop trying to solve the problem with more debt, more schemes, more desperate measures. Cry out to God.

2. Cry Out to the Burden Bearer

Pray specifically: *â??Lord, I am under a burden of debt. I cannot pay it. I ask You to intervene. Turn my situation around.â?*• Do not pray once and give up. Cry out like the widowâ??persistently, desperately, expectantly.

3. Use What You Have (The Pot of Oil Principle)

The widow had a pot of oil. It seemed small, useless, insignificant. But it was the seed of her miracle. Ask God: *What do I have that I have overlooked? What skill, resource, relationship, or opportunity have I dismissed as too small?* Use it. Obey. Watch God multiply.

4. Obey Practical Wisdom While Trusting God

The widow had to borrow vessels, shut the door, and pour the oil. She had to act. Godâ??s deliverance from debt often involves both supernatural provision and practical obedience:

- Create a budget
- Cut unnecessary expenses
- Increase income (work harder, take extra jobs, develop skills)
- Stop borrowing
- Tithe and give (giving breaks financial curses)

5. Declare That Your Song Will Change

Do not keep singing â??the fire is still burning.â?• Start declaring: *â??He has done it for me. What I cannot do, God will do for me. My debt is being paid. My freedom is coming.â?•* Your words shape your faith. Your faith shapes your future.

Warning: Do Not Let Debt Keep You from Serving God

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent encouragement: debt is a burden, but it is not the end. The widowâ??s sons were about to be taken as slaves, but God intervened. The housemaid was working because of her familyâ??s debt, but God sent someone to pay it.

If You Are in Debt	Do Not
Do not despair	Despair shuts down faith
Do not compromise	Sin will only worsen the burden
Do not abandon God	God is your only hope
Do not give up on giving	Giving breaks the cycle of lack

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Debt Freedom

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that God will bless you with His abundance and make you a lender to nations. Do not settle for a life of debt. Cry out to the Burden Bearer today.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I come to You as the Burden Bearer. You anointed to preach deliverance to captives and set at liberty them that are bruised. I am bruised by debt. I am captive to creditors. I have been singing â??the fire is still burningâ?? for too long. Today, I cry out to You. Like the widow in 2 Kings 4, I have nothing in my houseâ??but I bring my small pot of oil to You. Like the housemaid whose family was in debt, I ask for someone to help pay what I cannot pay. But above all, I ask for Your supernatural intervention. Turn my situation around. Pay my debts. Set me free. Give me the power to get wealth. Make me a lender, not a borrower. And let my song change from â??the bush is not consumedâ?? to â??He has done it for me.â?? I receive my freedom today. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Debt Inventory:** Write down every debt you oweâ??to whom, how much, and the interest rate. Face the full reality. Then bring that list before the Lord in prayer.
2. **The Cry of the Widow:** Set aside 30 minutes this week to cry out to God specifically about your debt. Do not hold back. Pour out your desperation. Ask Him to intervene.
3. **The Pot of Oil Search:** Identify one resource you already have that you have overlookedâ??a skill you could monetize, an item you could sell, a connection you have not utilized. Take one step to use it this week.

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