

Open Heavens 17 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 17 July 2026 devotional for today is DELIVERANCE FROM MARITAL BURDENS

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OPEN HEAVENS 17 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DELIVERANCE FROM MARITAL BURDENS

MEMORISE:
He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the tire.
John 2:1-11

READ: Psalm 46:2

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 17 JULY 2026 MESSAGE

Today, I will discuss marital burdens as another category of burdens. Satan hates everything God has created, including the institution of marriage. This is why he always tries to disrupt the holy matrimony between a man and a woman.

Sometimes, he focuses on keeping a man and a woman from ever getting married, and at other times, he visits a husband and his wife with different problems that will keep them from enjoying peace and rest in their home.

Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us about a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The bridegroom must have thought that everything that was needed for the wedding had been provided. However, they suddenly ran out of wine. I am sure that they felt ashamed until the Almighty God intervened.

1 Samuel 1:1-20 tells us the story of Hannah, who was barren. Her adversary mocked her daily, and as a result, her life became unbearable. She didnâ??t plan to be barren, but barrenness came nonetheless, and there was nothing she could do about it. The Burden Bearer stepped into her situation, however, and she gave birth to six children, among whom was the renowned prophet, Samuel.

Sarah was also under the yoke of barrenness until the Burden Bearer visited her and her husband in Genesis 18:1-6. Before the Burden Bearer intervened in their marital situation, Sarah had been barren for decades, which was why she laughed when she heard that she would give birth to a son the following year. If you have been looking for the fruit of the womb and have lost hope that you will ever carry your own child, I want you to know that the Burden Bearer is also the hope of the hopeless, and He will surprise you. In the name that is above every other name, I decree that every barren woman who is reading this devotional will sing for Joy soon.

Beloved, there is no marital challenge that the power of God cannot subdue. The Lord can command peace to reign where there is chaos and disunity, and He can still the storm in any marriage.

If you are married and are currently experiencing any storm in your marriage, I pray that the Burden Bearer will step into your marriage now and cause you to sing a new song, in Jesusâ?? name. Also, if you are of marriageable age and are yet to be married, I decree that the Almighty God will settle you maritally with a godly spouse, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

There is no marital challenge that the Burden Bearer cannot subdue.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 9-11

Open Heavens HYMN 10: IN CHRIST ALONE

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MEMORISE: John 2:1-11

This passage records Jesusâ?? first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. The hosts ran out of wineâ??a social disaster of immense proportions. Jesus turned water into wine, manifesting His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 46:2

> *â??Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.â?•*

This verse declares unshakable confidence in God despite catastrophic circumstances.

Satanâ??s Attack on Marriage

> *â??Today, I will discuss marital burdens as another category of burdens. Satan hates everything God has created, including the institution of marriage. This is why he always tries to disrupt the holy matrimony between a man and a woman.â?•*

Why Satan Hates Marriage	What Marriage Represents
It reflects Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:32)	A picture of divine love and covenant
It produces godly offspring (Malachi 2:15)	The next generation of worshippers
It provides companionship and rest (Genesis 2:18)	A refuge from the worldâ??s loneliness
It is ordained by God	Satan opposes everything God blesses

> *â??Sometimes, he focuses on keeping a man and a woman from ever getting married, and at other times, he visits a husband and his wife with different problems that will keep them from enjoying peace and rest in their home.â?•*

Satanâ??s Tactics Against Marriage	How They Manifest
Preventing marriage altogether	Delayed marriage, wrong partners, fear of commitment
Disrupting existing marriages	Conflict, infidelity, communication breakdown
Stealing marital joy	Barrenness, financial stress, interference from in-laws
Destroying peace	Constant fighting, emotional withdrawal, abuse

If you are experiencing any of these, recognize the source. Satan is the enemy of your marriage. But greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

The Wedding at Cana: From Shame to Glory

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The Coupleâ??s Expectation	Their Reality
Everything was planned	They ran out of wine
They thought they had provided enough	A sudden, unexpected shortage
Joy and celebration	Potential shame and disgrace

Running out of wine in that culture was not a minor inconvenience. It was a social catastrophe. The bridegroom could have been sued. The familyâ??s reputation would be ruined. What was meant to be a day of joy became a moment of crisis.

> *â??Jesus turned water into wine. He did not mock their lack. He did not shame them for running out. He quietly providedâ??and not just any wine, but the best wine.â?•*

What Jesus Did	What It Means for You
He was invited into the situation	Invite Jesus into your marriage
He saw the need before it was announced	He knows your burden before you speak
He provided abundantly (six waterpots, 20-30 gallons each)	He is not a God of barely enough, but of overflow
He turned water into wine	He can transform your situation

The same Jesus who saved that wedding can save your marriage. He can turn the water of your struggles into the wine of joy. He can replace shame with glory.

Hannah: From Barrenness to Motherhood

> â??1 Samuel 1:1-20 tells us the story of Hannah, who was barren. Her adversary mocked her daily, and as a result, her life became unbearable. She didnâ??t plan to be barren, but barrenness came nonetheless, and there was nothing she could do about it.â?•

Hannahâ??s Burden	The Source of Her Pain
Barrenness (could not conceive)	Physical inability
Peninnah (her rival) mocked her constantly	Emotional torment
Year after year, no child	Prolonged suffering

Hannahâ??s Burden	The Source of Her Pain
Even her husbandâ??s love could not comfort her	Deep, soul-level anguish

â??The Burden Bearer stepped into her situation, however, and she gave birth to six children, among whom was the renowned prophet, Samuel.â?•

Hannahâ??s Response	Godâ??s Response
She wept bitterly	God saw her tears
She prayed in anguish	God heard her prayer
She made a vow (give the child back to God)	God honored her sacrifice
She left her burden at the altar	God gave her Samuel, then five more children

1 Samuel 1:10-11 â?? *â??And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his lifeâ?¦â?•*

Hannah did not suffer in silence. She took her marital burden to the Burden Bearer. And God not only gave her Samuelâ??He gave her five more children. What the enemy meant for perpetual shame became a testimony of supernatural fruitfulness.

Sarah: The Laughter of Hope Fulfilled

â??Sarah was also under the yoke of barrenness until the Burden Bearer visited her and her husband in Genesis 18:1-6. Before the Burden Bearer intervened in their marital situation, Sarah had been barren for decades, which was why she laughed when she heard that she would give birth to a son the following year.â?•

Sarahâ??s Situation	The Human Perspective
Barren for decades	Past childbearing age (90 years old)
Abraham also old (100 years old)	Biologically impossible
She laughed in disbelief	â??After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure?â?•

â??If you have been looking for the fruit of the womb and have lost hope that you will ever carry your own child, I want you to know that the Burden Bearer is also the hope of the hopeless, and He will surprise you.â?•

What God Did	The Result
â??Is any thing too hard for the LORD?â?• (Genesis 18:14)	Sarah conceived

What God Did	The Result
He visited them as promised	Isaac was born
Laughter of disbelief became laughter of joy	She named him Isaac (â??he laughsâ?•)

â??In the name that is above every other name, I decree that every barren woman who is reading this devotional will sing for joy soon.â?•

No Marital Challenge Is Beyond Godâ??s Power

â??Beloved, there is no marital challenge that the power of God cannot subdue. The Lord can command peace to reign where there is chaos and disunity, and He can still the storm in any marriage.â?•

Marital Challenge	Godâ??s Solution
Barrenness	The God who opened Hannahâ??s womb
Conflict and fighting	The Prince of Peace
Infidelity	The Restorer of broken covenants
Delayed marriage	The God who brings the right person at the right time
Emotional distance	The Healer of broken hearts

Mark 4:39 â?? *â??And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.â?•*

The same Jesus who calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee can calm the storm in your marriage. He speaks â??Peace, be stillâ?• to the winds of conflict, the waves of misunderstanding, the tempest of unforgiveness. And there will be a great calm.

How to Bring Your Marital Burden to the Burden Bearer (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the biblical examples, here is how to receive Godâ??s intervention in your marriage:

1. Invite Jesus into Your Situation

The wedding at Cana did not get better until Jesus was invited. Have you invited Him into your marriage? Not just into your church attendance or personal devotion, but into the bedroom, the kitchen, the arguments, the finances, the parenting decisions.

2. Pour Out Your Heart Like Hannah

Hannah did not pray politely. She prayed with bitterness of soul, weeping sore. Do not hide your pain. Tell God exactly how you feel. He can handle your honesty.

Instead ofâ?¦	Do Thisâ?¦
Pretending everything is fine	Tell God the truth about your marriage
Praying generic prayers	Pray specifically: â??Lord, this is what is wrongâ?•
Suffering in silence	Cry out, weep, pour out your heart

3. Trust Godâ??s Timing Even When It Seems Impossible

Sarah waited decades. Hannah waited years. But God was not late. He is never late. He is the God of the eleventh hour. Do not give up hope.

4. Make a Vow of Consecration

Hannah vowed to give Samuel back to God. Sometimes, the breakthrough comes when you surrender the very thing you are asking for. Say: *â??Lord, if You give me a child, I will raise them for You. If You restore my marriage, I will serve You with my spouse.â?•*

5. Do Not Let the Adversary Mock You into Silence

Peninnah mocked Hannah year after year. But Hannah kept going to the temple. Keep going to church. Keep praying. Keep believing. Do not let the enemyâ??s taunts drive you away from the Burden Bearer.

Warning: Do Not Let Shame Keep You from Seeking Help

The couple at Cana ran out of wine. They could have hidden, pretended nothing was wrong, or tried to fix it themselves. But Mary went to Jesus. Do not let shame keep you from bringing your marital burden to the Lord.

What Shame Says	What God Says
â??You should have been able to prevent thisâ?•	â??Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy ladenâ?•
â??Everyone will look down on youâ?•	â??I will give you beauty for ashesâ?•
â??Itâ??s too late to fix thisâ?•	â??I am the God of restorationâ?•

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Marital Breakthrough

Daddy Adeboye closes with prayers for those experiencing marital storms and for those yet to be married. Bring your burden to the Burden Bearer today.

Pray this (if you are married and facing challenges):

> *â??Lord Jesus, You saved the wedding at Cana from shame. You visited Hannah and opened her womb. You surprised Sarah with laughter. Today, I bring my marital burden to*

You. You know the struggles, the pain, the disappointment, the fear. I invite You into my marriage. Speak peace to every storm. Heal every wound. Break every yoke of barrenness, conflict, or delay. I will not fear though the earth be removed. I trust You. Turn my water into wine. Turn my shame into glory. Turn my sorrow into singing. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•

Pray this (if you are not yet married):

â??Lord Jesus, You know the desire of my heart for a godly spouse. The enemy has tried to delay, confuse, or discourage me. Today, I ask You to settle me maritally according to Your will. Bring the right person at the right time. Prepare me to be a godly husband/wife. And while I wait, let my heart be at peace. I trust Your timing. I trust Your choice. In Jesusâ?? name.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The Marital Burden Inventory:** Identify the specific burden you are carrying in your marriage (or regarding marriage). Write it down. Be honest. Do not minimize it.
2. **The Invitation:** If you have never formally invited Jesus into your marriage, do it today. Pray together with your spouse if possible. Say: *â??Lord, we invite You into every area of our marriage.â?•*
3. **The Hannah Prayer:** Set aside time this week to pour out your heart to God. Do not pray politely. Weep if you need to. Cry out. Leave your burden at His feet.

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