

Open Heavens 15 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 15 July 2026 devotional for today is DELIVERANCE FROM MATERIAL BURDENS.

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OPEN HEAVENS 15 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DELIVERANCE FROM MATERIAL BURDENS

MEMORISE:
And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.
Joel 2:25

READ: Haggai 1:2-8

2 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lordâ??s house should be built.
3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,
4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?
5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.
7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 15 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will discuss material burdens as another category of burdens. The devil seeks to put material burdens on people because he knows that when someone is living in poverty, it will be easier for him or her to fall into temptations that involve material things.
The widow of Zarephath and her son watched their food supplies deplete daily until they had only one meal left. To make matters worse, a severe famine had struck the land; everything was dry, and they had no hope of finding another meal. Therefore, they resolved to eat the only meal that was lett and prepare for death. However, the Burden Bearer stepped into their situation and turned things around such that what wasnâ??t enough became sufficient to sustain them throughout the famine (1 Kings 17:7-16).

I pray that the Almighty God will deliver you from any material burden that may be in your life, in Jesusâ?? name.

There was once a very wealthy man who had a quarrel with his wife. As the quarrel got heated, she told him that by the time she was finished with him, he would travel everywhere within Lagos on foot.

The man laughed because at the time, he had 14 cars. Unfortunately, however, things began to go downhill for him, and at one point, he had only one car left and 50 kobo in his pocket. Then he began to think to himself, â??If I use the 50 kobo with me to fuel my car, I will have nothing to eat. However, if I buy food, I will have to walk everywhere I need to go, just as my wife had said.â?• That was when he came to Jesus Christ, and Jesus took over his situation. When he shared the testimony of his turnaround, he was dedicating two new houses at once.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, Haggai rebuked the Israelites for abandoning Godâ??s house and living just for themselves. He told them that they were experiencing a lack of material resources as a result. The people sowed much but reaped little, and the little they earned wasted away.

Beloved, if you want to experience material prosperity, seek Godâ??s Kingdom and His righteousness wholeheartedly. Mind His business, and He will ensure that you live in material abundance all the days of your life. If you have lost any material thing, turn to God today, and He will restore it to you, just as He promised in todayâ??s memory verse.

PRAYER POINT

Lord Jesus, I bring all my material burdens to You today. Please help me carry them.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 1-3

Open Heavens HYMN 52: THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 15 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Joel 2:25

> *â??And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.â?•*

This verse is Godâ??s promise of supernatural restoration. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it declares that no loss is final when God steps in.

BIBLE READING: Haggai 1:2-8

This passage is Godâ??s rebuke to the Israelites who had returned from exile. They said, *â??The time is not come, the time that the LORDâ??s house should be built.â?•* They lived in paneled houses while Godâ??s house lay in ruins. God responded: *â??Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.â?•* Their material lack was directly connected to their neglect of Godâ??s house. God commanded them to go up to the mountain, bring wood, build His house, and then He would take pleasure in it and be glorified. Daddy Adeboye uses this to show that material burdens often have spiritual rootsâ??and the solution is to prioritize Godâ??s Kingdom.

The Devilâ??s Strategy: Material Burdens Lead to Temptation

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How Poverty Creates Temptation	Examples
Desperation leads to compromise	Stealing, fraud, corruption, bribery
Hunger overrides principles	Selling oneâ??s integrity for a meal
Lack breeds anxiety	Hoarding, greed, exploitation of others
Shame and hopelessness	Depression, bitterness against God

Proverbs 30:8-9 â?? *â??Give me neither poverty nor riches; lest I be full, and deny theeâ?¦ lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.â?•*

The devil knows that poverty is not neutral. It creates a pressure cooker where even believers can be tempted to abandon their faith or compromise their integrity. That is why God wants His children to be free from material burdensâ??not for luxury, but for spiritual stability.

The Widow of Zarephath: From Last Meal to Endless Supply

1. The Desperate Situation (1 Kings 17:7-16)

> *â??The widow of Zarephath and her son watched their food supplies deplete daily until they had only one meal left. To make matters worse, a severe famine had struck the land; everything was dry, and they had no hope of finding another meal. Therefore, they resolved to eat the only meal that was left and prepare for death.â?•*

Consider her hopeless position:

Her Resources	Her Outlook
A handful of meal in a barrel	Enough for one small cake
A little oil in a cruse	No hope of more
A son to feed	Preparing to die after eating

She was not just in debt; she was facing starvation. The famine meant there was no way to get more food. Her material burden was not a temporary cash flow problemâ??it was a death sentence.

2. The Burden Bearer Steps In

> *â??However, the Burden Bearer stepped into their situation and turned things around such that what wasnâ??t enough became sufficient to sustain them throughout the famine.â?•*

Elijahâ??s Request	The Womanâ??s Response	The Result
â??Make me a cake firstâ?•	She obeyed, putting Godâ??s servant before herself	The barrel did not waste
â??Fear notâ?•	She acted in faith	The cruse did not fail
Trust Godâ??s promise	She gave her last	She and her son ate for many days

> *â??I pray that the Almighty God will deliver you from any material burden that may be in your life, in Jesusâ?? name.â?•*

The miracle was not a one-time multiplication; it was a daily supply. The barrel did not run out. The cruse did not run dry. For the entire duration of the famine, God provided. What seemed like the end

became a testimony of supernatural provision.

The Man with 14 Cars: A Testimony of Complete Loss and Restoration

1. The Quarrel and the Prophecy

> *â??There was once a very wealthy man who had a quarrel with his wife. As the quarrel got heated, she told him that by the time she was finished with him, he would travel everywhere within Lagos on foot. The man laughed because at the time, he had 14 cars.â?•*

His Wealth at the Peak	His Wifeâ??s Warning
14 cars	â??You will walk everywhere on footâ?•
Material abundance	Prophetic words he dismissed as anger

He laughed. Fourteen cars seemed like an unshakable fortress of prosperity. How could anyone with 14 cars ever be reduced to walking?

2. The Downward Spiral

> *â??Unfortunately, however, things began to go downhill for him, and at one point, he had only one car left and 50 kobo in his pocket. Then he began to think to himself, â??If I use the 50 kobo with me to fuel my car, I will have nothing to eat. However, if I buy food, I will have to walk everywhere I need to go, just as my wife had said.'â?•*

What He Lost	What Remained
13 cars (gone)	1 car and 50 kobo
His wealth, his pride, his security	A impossible choice: fuel or food

He had reached the end of himself. His wifeâ??s words were coming true. He was about to walk everywhere on foot.

3. The Turning Point

> *â??That was when he came to Jesus Christ, and Jesus took over his situation. When he shared the testimony of his turnaround, he was dedicating two new houses at once.â?•*

Before Jesus	After Jesus
14 cars reduced to 1	Two new houses dedicated at once
50 kobo in his pocket	Complete turnaround
Walking everywhere on foot (prophecy almost fulfilled)	Restoration beyond what he lost

â??He came to Jesus Christ, and Jesus took over his situation.â?•

That is the key. Not a financial plan. Not a loan. Not a bailout. Jesus. The Burden Bearer stepped in, and the man who had lost everything was soon dedicating two new houses. The years the locust had eaten were restored.

The Root of Material Burdens: Neglecting Godâ??s House (Haggai 1)

â??In todayâ??s Bible reading, Haggai rebuked the Israelites for abandoning Godâ??s house and living just for themselves. He told them that they were experiencing a lack of material resources as a result. The people sowed much but reaped little, and the little they earned wasted away.â?•

The Peopleâ??s Excuse	Godâ??s Response
â??The time is not come to build Godâ??s houseâ?•	â??Is it time for you to live in paneled houses while My house lies waste?â?•
They prioritized their own homes	Their own prosperity was cursed because of their neglect
They thought they had time	God said, â??Consider your waysâ?•

Haggai 1:6 â?? *â??Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.â?•*

What They Experienced	The Root Cause
Sowed much, harvested little	God withheld His blessing
Ate but were not satisfied	No divine satisfaction on their labor
Earned wages but lost them	Their money had â??holesâ?•
Lacked warmth despite clothing	Their prosperity was cursed

Their material burden was not a random misfortune. It was directly connected to their neglect of Godâ??s house. They built comfortable homes for themselves but left Godâ??s house in ruins. And God responded by putting holes in their pockets.

â??Beloved, if you want to experience material prosperity, seek Godâ??s Kingdom and His righteousness wholeheartedly. Mind His business, and He will ensure that you live in material abundance all the days of your life.â?•

Seeking Godâ??s Kingdom First	The Result
Prioritizing His house, His work, His purposes	All these things are added to you (Matthew 6:33)

Seeking Godâ??s Kingdom First	The Result
Minding His business (evangelism, discipleship, giving)	He minds your business (provision, protection, prosperity)
Building His house	He builds your house

How to Be Free from Material Burdens (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the examples from Scripture, here is how to experience Godâ??s provision and restoration:

1. Put Godâ??s Kingdom First (Matthew 6:33)

Stop prioritizing your comfort, your house, your investments over Godâ??s work. When Godâ??s house is neglected, your own house will suffer. Seek first His Kingdomâ??through giving, serving, and obedienceâ??and He will add everything you need.

2. Give Even When You Have Little

The widow of Zarephath gave her last meal to the prophet. That act of faith unlocked supernatural provision. Do not wait until you have â??enoughâ?• to give. Give from your scarcity, and God will turn it into abundance.

3. Come to Jesus When You Reach the End of Yourself

The man with 14 cars tried everything else before he came to Jesus. Do not wait until you have only 50 kobo left. Come now. Bring your material burden to the Burden Bearer today.

4. Check Your Spiritual Priorities

Ask yourself honestly:

- Am I tithing faithfully (Malachi 3:10)?
- Am I giving offerings above the tithe?
- Am I supporting the work of Godâ??s house?
- Am I neglecting any area where God has asked me to give or serve?

If you have been sowing much and reaping little, consider your ways. The hole in your pocket may be a spiritual issue.

5. Believe God for Restoration (Joel 2:25)

Do not accept loss as final. God promises to restore the years the locusts have eaten. Not just the moneyâ??the *years*. The time you spent struggling. The opportunities you lost. The harvest that was devoured. God can bring it all back.

Warning: The Hole in Your Pocket May Be Spiritual

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: sometimes the problem is not the economy, your job, or your skills. The problem is that you have neglected Godâ??s house.

If You Experienceâ?¦	Considerâ?¦
Sowing much, reaping little	Have you prioritized Godâ??s house?
Money disappearing as if in a bag with holes	Are you robbing God in tithes and offerings?
Lack despite hard work	Have you put Godâ??s Kingdom first?
No satisfaction in what you earn	Is your heart far from God?

Malachi 3:10 â?? *â??Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouseâ?¦ and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.â?•*

The cure for the bag with holes is not a better budget. It is obedience in giving. Test God. Prove Him. See if He will not open the windows of heaven.

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Material Restoration

Daddy Adeboye closes with a promise: if you have lost any material thing, turn to God today, and He will restore it.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I come to You as the Burden Bearer. You lifted the material burden from the widow of Zarephath. You turned around the situation of the man who went from 14 cars to 50 kobo. You restored the years the locusts ate. Today, I bring my material burden to You. Forgive me for any area where I have neglected Your houseâ??where I have built my comfort while Your work suffered. I repent. I will seek Your Kingdom first. I will mind Your business. I will give even when it costs me. And I ask You: restore what I have lost. Restore the years. Restore the harvest. Restore the resources that the devourer has eaten. I believe that the same God who filled the widowâ??s barrel and cruse can fill my storehouses. I receive Your promise. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The â??Holes in Your Pocketâ?• Audit:** Look at your finances over the past year. Have you been sowing much but reaping little? Does money seem to disappear? Ask God: *Is there a spiritual root to this material lack?*
2. **The First Fruits Commitment:** If you have not been tithing, start today. If you have been tithing, consider giving an offering above the tithe. Put Godâ??s Kingdom first in your finances.
3. **The Restoration Declaration:** Write down one material loss you have experienced (money, property, opportunity, years of struggle). Pray Joel 2:25 over it: *â??Lord, restore the years the locust has eaten.â?•* Thank Him for restoration before you see it.

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