Open Heaven Devotional 13 March 2025: FROM 'NO' TO "YES"

Description

Today's Open Heaven devotional (13 March 2025) is FROM 'NO' TO "YES'

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TOPIC: FROM 'NO' TO "YES"

MEMORISE

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

Daniel 2:21

READ: Matthew 15:21-28

- 21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
- 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
- 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
- 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
- 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
- 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 13 MARCH 2025 MESSAGE

God never changes, but He can change things; this is why I call Him the Unchangeable Changer. He can change a 'No' to a 'Yes'.

In today's Bible reading, a woman came to Jesus, asking Him to heal her daughter. Jesus initially refused to answer her, then later on, told her 'no'. She, however, persisted, and He eventually turned His 'No' into a 'Yes'.

During a church programme, God's word came that someone who was applying for a US visa had just received it. A young lady, who had an interview at the US embassy the following Monday, was so excited because she believed the prophecy was for her. Her visa application was, however, declined.

Surprised, she told the visa officer, "But my daddy said the visa has been granted." The officer looked at her and said, "Who is your daddy?" She replied, "My daddy is Pastor Adeboye." The officer laughed, "I thought you were going to say the president or governor, but a pastor? Please leave."

As she turned to leave, the visa officer said, "Wait. Because you made me laugh, I'll give you the visa." It wasn't laughter that turned the situation around; it was because there is a God who can change a 'No' to a 'Yes'.

Sometimes, God changes the 'No' of His children's enemies to a 'Yes'. Pharaoh kept saying 'No' to Moses' demands to let God's people go, but God arose in His mighty power to change that 'No' to a 'Yes'. In one night, He dealt with all the firstborns in Egypt because Pharaoh refused to allow His firstborn, Israel, to serve Him (Exodus 4:22-23). I pray that every 'No' from a boss or someone in authority who has prevented you from making progress in life will be turned into a 'Yes' now, in Jesus' name.

Have faith in God and keep trusting Him. Like the woman who persistently asked Jesus for healing for her daughter and got it eventually, your persistent faith will open doors that have remained shut against you. Moses kept going to Pharaoh until God forced him to change his 'No' into a "Yes'.

Beloved, as you keep trusting in God, I decree that every door that has remained shut and has prevented you from fulfilling your destiny will be opened now. Every 'No' that is not in line with God's will is turning into a "Yes' for you, in Jesus' name.

KEY POINT

Persistent faith in God will turn a 'No' into a Yes'.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

OPEN HEAVEN 13 MARCH 2025 COMMENTARY

1. The Nature of God as the "Unchangeable Changer"

The devotional for today introduces a profound paradox: God Himself never changes (Malachi 3:6), yet He specializes in changing impossible situations.

- Biblical Examples:
 - The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28): Jesus' initial silence and apparent refusal ("
 It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs") were tests of faith, not rejections. Her persistence turned His "No" into a "Yes."
 - **Pharaoh's Stubbornness (Exodus 4-14):** God turned 10 "No's" into a final "Yes" through His judgments.

Key Insight:

- Human "No's" are opportunities for divine intervention.
- God's delays are not denials—they prepare us for greater breakthroughs.

Application:

? When faced with a "No," ask: "Lord, are You testing my faith or preparing a greater 'Yes'?"

2. The Power of Persistent Faith

The Canaanite woman's story reveals 4 keys to overcoming rejection:

- 1. **Humility:** She accepted Jesus' analogy ("dogs") without offense (v. 27).
- 2. Persistence: She kept asking despite silence and discouragement (v. 23-25).
- 3. Spiritual Insight: She reframed Jesus' words to claim her miracle ("Even dogs eat crumbs").
- 4. Worship: She approached Jesus as "Son of David" (v. 22), acknowledging His authority.

Modern Testimony (Daddy Adeboye's Account):

• The visa officer's mockery ("a pastor?") turned to favor because **God orchestrates even human** laughter for His purposes (Proverbs 21:1).

Action Step:

? List areas where you've received "No's." Pray with the Canaanite woman's persistence.

3. Divine Strategies to Change "No" to "Yes"

The Open Heaven devotional for today highlights God's methods to reverse rejections:

Situation God's Strategy Result

Canaanite Woman Tested her faith Daughter healed

Pharaoh Sent plagues Israel freed Visa Applicant Used Laughter Visa granted

Principle:

- · God may use:
 - o **Delays** (to build faith).
 - Human ridicule (to humble us).
 - Supernatural intervention (Exodus 12:29 the Passover judgment).

4. The Role of Authority Figures in Your Breakthrough

Today's devotional identifies two types of "No-givers":

- 1. Pharaoh-types: Stubborn opposers (Exodus 5:2). God deals with them directly.
- 2. Visa Officer-types: Unknowing instruments. God softens their hearts.

Prayer Focus:

• "Lord, turn the hearts of those blocking my destiny (Proverbs 21:1). Where they say 'No,' decree Your 'Yes'!"

5. Prophetic Declarations Over Your Life

The devotional closes with bold decrees:

- 1. "Every 'No' contrary to God's will is now 'Yes'!"
 - Stand on Isaiah 45:2: "I will go before you and make the crooked places straight."
- 2. "Closed doors are opening now!"
 - o Claim Revelation 3:8: "I have set before you an open door."

Action Steps:

- 1. Write down "No's" you're contending against (e.g., job rejections, health diagnoses).
- 2. Speak God's promises over them daily (e.g., Jeremiah 32:27).
- 3. Share past testimonies of divine reversals to strengthen faith.

Final Thought: Your "No" Is a Setup for God's Glory

The Canaanite woman's story wasn't just about her daughter's healing. It was a lesson in faith for the disciples (and us!). Likewise:

- Your struggle with "No's" is training for greater dominion.
- Your testimony will encourage others facing closed doors.

Prayer:

"Unchangeable Changer, I bring every 'No' in my life to Your throne. Turn them to 'Yes' for Your glory, and let my story declare Your power! Amen."

"Your breakthrough isn't denied. It's divinely delayed for a greater testimony!"

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