



Open Heavens 21 March 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

Today's Open Heavens devotional, 21 March 2026, is **ROOTED IN BLESSINGS**

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TOPIC: ROOTED IN BLESSINGS

MEMORISE:

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:

Genesis 12:2

READ: Genesis 28:10-22

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be

blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

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Yesterday, I mentioned that curses attack roots.

Similarly, divine blessings also go root-deep. For example, in Genesis 22:16-18, God blessed Abraham and said, "Through your seed shall the whole earth be blessed." Two generations later, after Jacob deceived his father into blessing him, God appeared to him in a dream and said, "I am the God of your fathers, Abraham and Isaac." That statement clearly implies that the blessing over Abraham and Isaac had flown through Jacob's roots to him. In other words, Jacob had been blessed even before his birth.

Beloved, the next time someone tells you, "God bless you, do not take it for granted. Someone once came to me and said, "Daddy, pray for me," and I replied, "God bless you." After saying this, he refused to go because he still wanted to tell me about his problem. He didn't understand the magnitude of what I said when I told him, "God bless you?"

Nowadays, people have turned "God bless you" into a greeting; however, when it comes from someone with the God-given authority to bless you, you don't need any other blessing.

God has given fathers the authority to bless, so when your father blesses you because he is pleased with you, it goes root-deep.

In Genesis 27:1-4, Isaac told Esau to go hunting and prepare him a special meal. There was food in the house, but he was setting Esau up for a special kind of blessing. When Jacob came in with the special meal just the way his father wanted it, Isaac was deceived. He ate the meal and pronounced the blessing on Jacob.

When he discovered that he had made a mistake, he told Esau that he had blessed Jacob and that nothing could be done to reverse it. Esau was devastated and pleaded for a little blessing. The little blessing he got still produced massive results in his life because years later, as Jacob returned home

and was told that Esau was on his way to meet him, Jacob, who had the lion's share of the blessing, began to tremble.

God had blessed his brother, who had the little portion of the blessing, so much that he had four hundred bodyguards around him!

Child of God, seek to live a life that pleases your heavenly Father and attracts His blessings. Today, I decree in the name that is above every other name, "God bless you."

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please help me to live a life that attracts Your overflowing blessings.

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HYMN 59: I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS

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MEMORISE: Genesis 12:2

"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."

This verse is the original blessing protocol, spoken by God Himself to Abram. It contains five progressive dimensions: **(1)** divine multiplication ("great nation"), **(2)** personal enrichment ("bless thee"), **(3)** global reputation ("make thy name great"), **(4)** missional purpose ("thou shalt be a blessing"), and **(5)** universal coverage ("in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"). The Abrahamic blessing is covenantal impartation that flows through bloodlines and transcends generations.

BIBLE READING: Genesis 28:10-22

This passage records the transfer of the Abrahamic blessing to the third generation:

v. 10-12: Jacob, fleeing from Esau's murderous anger, stops at a nondescript location, sleeps with a stone for a pillow, and dreams of a ladder connecting heaven and earth.

v. 13-15: God identifies Himself: **"I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac."** The blessing is explicitly linked to his roots. Then God repeats the covenant: land, seed, and global impact.

v. 16-17: Jacob's awakening: "Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not." The blessed one often does not recognize the source of his blessing.

v. 18-22: Jacob's response: worship, memorial, and vow. The blessed heart responds with devotion and covenant commitment.

The Root-Deep Reality of Divine Blessing

Continuing the revelation from yesterday's teaching on root-level curses, Pastor E.A. Adeboye now unveils the counterpart: **divine blessings also go root-deep**. Just as a curse can poison the spring of a family line for generations, a blessing can sanctify the source and release life-giving water to every descendant. Using Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Esau as case studies, he demonstrates that blessings spoken under divine authority are not mere sentiments but spiritual realities that shape destinies.

1. The Generational Transmission of Blessing

Abraham's Blessing: A Root-Level Impartation:

- In Genesis 22:16-18, God swore by Himself—the highest possible oath—that He would bless Abraham and multiply his seed as the stars of heaven. This was not a temporary favor but an eternal covenant embedded in Abraham's spiritual DNA.
- **The Mechanism:** The blessing was not attached to Abraham's performance but to God's promise. It was a root-level impartation that would flow through his lineage like sap through an ancient olive tree.

Jacob's Unconscious Inheritance:

- When God appeared to Jacob at Bethel, He said: **"I am the God of your fathers, Abraham and Isaac."** This declaration was Jacob's revelation that he had been blessed before his birth. The blessing was already in his roots; the dream merely brought it to his consciousness.
- **The Implication:** Jacob did not earn the blessing; he inherited it. He was not always worthy of it; he often schemed against it. But the root had been blessed by God, and no amount of Jacob's crookedness could ultimately nullify what God had planted at the source.

The Principle: Your children are blessed not primarily because of their merit but because of the covenant covering you have established over your household. The blessings you speak over them today will flow in their roots long after you are gone.

2. The Authority to Bless

"God Bless You" Is Not a Mere Greeting:

- Pastor Adeboye shares a poignant testimony: someone requested prayer, received "God bless you," and lingered, wanting to explain his problem. He did not understand that he had already received the comprehensive solution.
- **The Cultural Tragedy:** In contemporary usage, "God bless you" has been degraded to a verbal reflex—the Christian equivalent of "gesundheit" after a sneeze. But in the biblical worldview, a blessing spoken by one with divine authority is a spiritual transaction, not a social

nicety.

Fathers as Channels of Blessing:

- “God has given fathers the authority to bless, so when your father blesses you because he is pleased with you, it goes root-deep.”
- **The Scriptural Basis:** The patriarchal narratives are structured around the passing of the blessing. Isaac’s blessing of Jacob was irreversible not because Isaac was powerful but because God had ordained the father’s blessing as a conduit of covenant transmission. When a father speaks under the influence of the Spirit, heaven backs his words.

The Weight of Spoken Blessing:

- Words spoken in blessing are not merely sounds; they are seeds planted in the spiritual soil of a life. They carry the potential to produce harvests decades later. This is why Scripture warns against careless curses and commands intentional blessings.

3. The Irreversibility of Blessing

Isaac’s Dilemma (Genesis 27):

- Isaac intended to bless Esau, his firstborn. Through Rebekah’s strategy and Jacob’s deception, the blessing was “misdirected” to Jacob. When Esau returned and the deception was discovered, Isaac trembled greatly but declared: **“I have blessed him, and he shall be blessed” (Genesis 27:33).**
- **The Theology:** Once the blessing was spoken under divine inspiration, it could not be recalled. God had honored Isaac’s words because Isaac had spoken from a place of covenant authority, even if his intention was misdirected.

Esau’s “Little Blessing”:

- Esau’s plea for a blessing (Genesis 27:34-38) elicited from Isaac a secondary, lesser blessing—a prophetic word about dwelling away from the earth’s richness and living by the sword. Yet this “little blessing” produced extraordinary fruit.
- **The Evidence:** Years later, when Jacob returned from Paddan-Aram, he was terrified to learn that Esau was approaching with **four hundred men** (Genesis 32:6). The “little blessing” had multiplied Esau into a chieftain with a personal army. Jacob, who had the lion’s share, trembled before the brother with the portion.

The Principle: Even the smallest blessing, when spoken under divine authority, carries multiplicative power. Do not despise the day of small blessings. They grow.

4. The Condition of Blessing: A Life That Pleases God

Seeking the Blessor, Not Just the Blessing:

- Pastor Adeboye concludes with an imperative: “Child of God, seek to live a life that pleases your heavenly Father and attracts His blessings.”

- **The Heart Posture:** Jacob's life was a mixture of scheming and seeking. But at Bethel, he encountered the God of his fathers and responded with worship and covenant. His life was not perfect, but his heart was oriented toward the Blesser.

The Blessing as Byproduct, Not Goal:

- Those who pursue blessing as an end in themselves often miss it. Those who pursue intimacy with the Blesser find that blessing follows as naturally as heat follows fire. Abraham sought God, not greatness; greatness was added. Jacob wrestled for blessing, but the blessing came because he refused to let go of the Blesser.

5. The Testimony of Daddy Adeboye (Implied)

A Life Under Continuous Blessing:

- The global expansion of RCCG, the countless testimonies of healing and deliverance, the decades of fruitful ministry—these are not merely the results of human effort. They are the fruit of a life rooted in the Abrahamic blessing, watered by covenant faithfulness, and continually spoken over by the Great Blesser.

How to Position Yourself for Root-Deep Blessing

Recognize the Weight of Spoken Blessings:

- When a spiritual authority (parent, pastor, mentor) speaks a blessing over you, receive it with faith, not skepticism. Do not dismiss it as mere sentiment. Receive it as seed planted in your spiritual soil.

Honor Your Spiritual Roots:

- Jacob received the blessing because he was connected to Abraham and Isaac. Honor your spiritual fathers and mothers. The blessing flows through relationship. Disconnection from root often means disconnection from root-level blessing.

Speak Blessings Over Your Children Daily:

- You carry fatherly/motherly authority. Use it intentionally. Do not wait for formal occasions. Speak Scripture-based blessings over your children at breakfast, bedtime, and every opportunity. Your words are going root-deep.

Live to Please the Father:

- The ultimate blessing flows from the ultimate Blesser. Prioritize intimacy with God over pursuit of His gifts. Seek His face, not just His hand. The hand follows the face.

Do Not Despise "Little" Blessings:

- If you have received what seems like a small blessing—a brief prayer, a casual “God bless you”—do not dismiss it. Esau’s “little blessing” produced 400 bodyguards. Your small blessing may be multiplying even now.

Warning: The Presumption of Automatic Blessing Blessing Without Obedience Is Not Automatic:

- Jacob was blessed, but he also suffered the consequences of his deception—fleeing from Esau, serving Laban deceitfully in return, decades of separation from his mother. Blessing does not exempt from discipline.

The Danger of Despising Spiritual Authority:

- If you dismiss the blessings spoken over you by those in authority, you may be blocking the very channels God intends to use. Receive with humility. Store in your heart. Wait for the harvest.

Conclusion: The Blessing Is Speaking Now

Pray this:

“Heavenly Father, I thank You that You are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—and the God of my spiritual lineage. I receive today the root-deep blessing that has flowed through generations of Your faithful ones. I honor my spiritual fathers and mothers who have spoken blessing over my life. I receive every word spoken under Your authority, even words I may have dismissed as casual. I declare that Your blessing is upon me—to multiply me, to make my name great for Your glory, and to make me a blessing to the nations. I commit to live a life that pleases You, not to earn Your blessing but to abide in its fullness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

And now, receive this blessing spoken under the authority of God’s Word:

“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26). Receive it root-deep. It shall not return void.

Action Steps:

1. **The Blessing Archive:** Write down every significant blessing spoken over you by spiritual authorities—parents, pastors, mentors. Review them regularly. Thank God for them. Declare them over your life.
2. **The Daily Blessing Practice:** For the next 30 days, speak a specific, Scripture-based blessing over your children (or spiritual children) each morning. Watch what God does with your words.
3. **The Blessing Transmission:** Identify one person to whom you can be a channel of blessing this week. Speak a deliberate, authoritative blessing over them. Do not rush it. Do it with intention.
4. **The Gratitude Audit:** Review your life for evidence of blessings you have taken for granted—the “little” blessings that have produced “400 bodyguards” of provision, protection, or favor. Write them down. Give thanks.

Remember: You are not an accident of evolution or a random collection of molecules. You are a branch in a blessed tree, a link in a chain of covenant blessing that stretches back to Abraham and forward to the generations yet unborn. The blessing is in your roots. Let it rise.

“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.” (Genesis 12:2). It is spoken. It is settled. Receive it.

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