


# Open Heavens 1 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

## Description

The Open Heavens 1 July 2026 devotional for today is
DONâ??T LOSE YOUR SIGHT.

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# OPEN HEAVENS 1 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

## TOPIC: DONâ??T LOSE YOUR SIGHT

**MEMORISE**:
Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
Psalm 13:3

**READ:** Judges 16:4-26

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.
5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and

she bound him with them.
9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.
10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.
13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.
15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;
17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my motherâ??s womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.
18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.
19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.
20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.
22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.
23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.
24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.
25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.
26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

# RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 1 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In todayâ??s Bible reading, Delilah manipulated Samson into revealing the secret of his strength, then she passed it on to the Philistines. Armed with this information, the Philistines shaved off his hair while he was asleep on her knees, captured him, plucked out his eyes, and imprisoned him.

However, after a while, his hair began to grow again, but he never regained his sight. The same man who killed a lion with his fists, killed a thousand people with the jawbone of an ass, and carried the heavy gates of a city up a hill, now needed a young boy to guide him so he wouldnâ??t trip and fall because of his involvement with a Philistine woman against Godâ??s law. Those who toy with sin are in grave danger of losing their sight like Samson.

The devil and his cohorts are referred to as the rulers of the darkness of this world (Ephesians 6.12), and they want everyone to live in darkness with them. This is why they will stop at nothing to make believers lose their spiritual sight.

Christians who lose their spiritual sight often begin to call good â??evilâ?? and evil â??good and become slaves to the things they had once conquered. This is why a man of God who had once preached against sin, for example, can turn around to say that adultery is not a sin. Such a fellow might even misquote Scriptures to justify his blindness. The devil often causes believers to lose their spiritual sight by exploiting their weaknesses and causing them to fall into sin, as he did with Samson.

Before Samson fell, the Philistines studied him carefully to discover his weakness, and they noticed that he had a lustful desire for women, so they connived with Delilah to bring him down. Likewise, the devil studies people to discover their weaknesses, so he can tempt them into committing sin, and then take their spiritual sight. Donâ??t fall into his trap!

Beloved, do you find yourself falling into some particular sins repeatedly? Are you living in sin while still trying to show up like a devoted Christian? Donâ??t let satan succeed in removing your spiritual eyes so he can imprison you.

Approach God in humility and ask for His help. He gives grace to the humble (James 4:6), and His grace will help you overcome sin (Romans 614). May you never lose your sight, in Jesusâ?? name.

## KEY POINT

Donâ??t toy with sin so you donâ??t lose your spiritual sight.

## BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Proverbs 4-7

## Open Heavens HYMN 34: YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

# OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 1 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

## MEMORISE: Psalm 13:3

> *â??Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.â?•*

This verse is a desperate prayer for spiritual sight. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it reveals the dire consequence of losing your spiritual vision: the â??sleep of deathâ?•â??a state of spiritual stupor, captivity, and powerlessness. David knew that without enlightened eyes, he would drift into a deathlike slumber, unable to see danger, unable to resist temptation, unable to fulfill his purpose. The prayer â??lighten mine eyesâ?• is a cry for God to restore the brightness of spiritual perception. When your eyes are darkened, you stumble. When they are lightened, you walk in victory.

## BIBLE READING: Judges 16:4-26

This passage records the tragic downfall of Samson. He loved a woman named Delilah in the valley of Sorek. The Philistine lords bribed her to discover the secret of his strength. Three times Samson gave false answers; three times Delilah pressed him. Finally, worn out by her persistent nagging, he told her that his strength lay in his uncut hair, a symbol of his Nazirite vow to God. While he slept on her knees, she called a man to shave off the seven locks of his head. His strength left him, for the LORD had departed from him. The Philistines captured him, gouged out his eyes, bound him with bronze fetters, and made him grind grain in the prison house. But the hair on his head began to grow again. Daddy Adeboye uses this to show that sin blinds, imprisons, and reduces the mightiest warrior to helplessness.

## Samson: The Mighty Warrior Who Lost His Sight

### 1. His Incredible Past Victories

> *â??The same man who killed a lion with his fists, killed a thousand people with the jawbone of an ass, and carried the heavy gates of a city up a hill, now needed a young boy to guide him so he wouldnâ??t trip and fall because of his involvement with a Philistine woman against Godâ??s law.â?•*

Consider Samsonâ??s former exploits:

| Samsonâ??s Victories | Demonstration of Power |
|---|---|
| Killed a lion with his bare hands | Raw, supernatural strength (Judges 14:5-6) |
| Killed a thousand Philistines with a jawbone | One man defeated an army (Judges 15:15-16) |
| Carried the gates of Gaza up a hill | Uprooted and carried massive city gates (Judges 16:3) |

This was the man whom God had raised to deliver Israel from Philistine oppression. He was unstoppable, invincible, and feared.

**2. His Tragic Fall**

> *â??However, after a while, his hair began to grow again, but he never regained his sight.â?•*

Notice the tragic details:

| What Samson Lost | The Consequence |
|---|---|
| His hair (symbol of his Nazirite vow) | The LORD departed from him |
| His strength | He became like any other man |
| His eyes (gouged out by the Philistines) | He became blind, helpless, dependent |
| His freedom | He was imprisoned, grinding grain like an animal |

> *â??Those who toy with sin are in grave danger of losing their sight like Samson.â?•*

The progression is clear:

- Toying with sin (Samsonâ??s repeated visits to Philistine women)
- Compromise (revealing the secret of his strength)
- Spiritual departure (the LORD left him)
- Physical blindness (his eyes were gouged out)
- Imprisonment and humiliation

But notice the most haunting detail: *â??his hair began to grow again, but he never regained his sight.â?•*His strength could be restored, but his eyes could not. Some consequences of sin are permanent. Even after repentance, even after restoration of power, the scars remain.

## How the Devil Steals Spiritual Sight

**1. The Devilâ??s Strategy: Exploit Weaknesses**

> *â??The devil and his cohorts are referred to as the rulers of the darkness of this world (Ephesians 6:12), and they want everyone to live in darkness with them. This is why they will stop at nothing to make believers lose their spiritual sight.â?•*

| The Devilâ??s Goal | His Method |
|---|---|
| Keep you in darkness | Blind you to truth, to danger, to Godâ??s will |
| Make you ineffective | Render you powerless, imprisoned, useless for the kingdom |
| Bring you into captivity | Make you a slave to sin, to habits, to shame |

*â??Before Samson fell, the Philistines studied him carefully to discover his weakness, and they noticed that he had a lustful desire for women, so they connived with Delilah to bring him down.â?•*

This is the enemyâ??s playbook:

| Step | What the Enemy Does | Example from Samson |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Study you carefully | The Philistines observed Samsonâ??s pattern |
| 2 | Identify your weakness | His lustful desire for women |
| 3 | Send temptation tailored to that weakness | Delilah |
| 4 | Use persistence and pressure | Day after day, nagging until he broke |
| 5 | Exploit the moment of vulnerability | While he slept on her knees |

*â??Likewise, the devil studies people to discover their weaknesses, so he can tempt them into committing sin, and then take their spiritual sight. Donâ??t fall into his trap!â?•*

| Your Weakness | The Enemyâ??s Temptation | The Goal |
|---|---|---|
| Lust | Impure images, inappropriate relationships | Blind you, imprison you |
| Greed | Get-rich-quick schemes, dishonest gain | Blind you, trap you |
| Pride | Positions of honor, recognition, applause | Blind you, isolate you |
| Anger | Offenses, grudges, unforgiveness | Blind you, poison you |
| Fear | Intimidation, threats, anxiety | Blind you, paralyze you |

**2. The Symptoms of Lost Spiritual Sight**

*â??Christians who lose their spiritual sight often begin to call good â??evilâ?? and evil â??goodâ?? and become slaves to the things they had once conquered.â?•*

| Spiritual Blindness Causes | Example |
|---|---|
| Moral inversion | Calling good â??evilâ?• and evil â??goodâ?• (Isaiah 5:20) |
| Justification of sin | A preacher who once condemned adultery now says it is not sin |

| Spiritual BlindnessCauses | Example |
|---|---|
| Scripture twisting | Misquoting the Bible to justify blindness |
| Slavery to former conquerors | Being bound by sins you once defeated |

> *â??This is why a man of God who had once preached against sin, for example, can turn around to say that adultery is not a sin. Such a fellow might even misquote Scriptures to justify his blindness.â?•*

This is the terrifying progression of spiritual blindness:

1. You fall into sin
2. Your spiritual eyes are darkened
3. You no longer see sin as sin
4. You begin to defend what you once condemned
5. You twist Scripture to support your deception
6. You become a blind leader of the blind (Matthew 15:14)

## The Signs That You Are Losing Your Spiritual Sight

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here are diagnostic questions to assess your spiritual vision:

| Question | If Yes, You May Be Losing Your Sight |
|---|---|
| Do you find yourself falling into the same sins repeatedly? | You are trapped in a cycle of blindness |
| Do you justify sins you once condemned? | Your moral compass is failing |
| Can you sin without feeling conviction? | Your conscience has been seared |
| Do you still â??show up like a devoted Christianâ?• while living in sin? | You are wearing a mask over blind eyes |
| Do you feel powerless against temptations you once conquered? | Your strength has departed |

> *â??Beloved, do you find yourself falling into some particular sins repeatedly? Are you living in sin while still trying to show up like a devoted Christian? Donâ??t let satan succeed in removing your spiritual eyes so he can imprison you.â?•*

## How to Protect and Restore Your Spiritual Sight

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to avoid Samsonâ??s tragedy:

### 1. Identify Your Weakness Before the Enemy Does

Samson did not seem to know his own weakness. The Philistines studied him and found it before he addressed it. Ask God honestly: *Lord, where am I most vulnerable? What temptation consistently trips me?* Then take proactive measures to guard that area.

| Weakness | Protective Action |
|---|---|
| Lustful eyes | Covenant with your eyes like Job (Job 31:1); avoid tempting situations; use accountability software |
| Greed | Give generously; avoid get-rich schemes; practice contentment |
| Pride | Seek humble service; welcome correction; give God the glory for every success |
| Anger | Forgive quickly; avoid triggers; pray before reacting |

**2. Stay Away from â??Delilahâ?• Situations**

Samson kept going back to Delilah. He knew she was working for the Philistines. He knew she was trying to destroy him. Yet he kept returning. Do not play with fire. Do not put yourself in situations where you know temptation will be strong.

**3. Guard Your Nazirite Vow (Whatever God Has Set You Apart With)**

For Samson, it was his hairâ??the outward sign of his consecration to God. For you, it may be:

- Prayer time (skip it, and you weaken)
- Bible study (neglect it, and you become blind)
- Fellowship with believers (isolate yourself, and you become vulnerable)
- Holiness standards (compromise a little, and the door opens)

> *â??Donâ??t let satan succeed in removing your spiritual eyes so he can imprison you.â?•*

**4. If You Have Fallen, Humble Yourself and Return**

> *â??Approach God in humility and ask for His help. He gives grace to the humble (James 4:6), and His grace will help you overcome sin (Romans 6:14).â?•**

| Prideful Response | Humble Response |
|---|---|
| â??I can handle this on my ownâ?• | â??Lord, I need Your helpâ?• |
| â??Itâ??s not that badâ?• | â??I have sinned; forgive meâ?• |
| â??Iâ??ll stop when Iâ??m readyâ?• | â??Deliver me now, Lordâ?• |
| Blaming others, circumstances, or God | Taking full responsibility, repenting fully |

**James 4:6** â?? *â??God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.â?•*

| The Proud | The Humble |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| God resists them | God gives them grace |
| They fall and stay down | They fall but rise again |
| They justify their sin | They confess and forsake their sin |
| They lose their sight permanently | Their eyes are lightened again |

**Romans 6:14** â?? *â??For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.â?•*

Sin does not have to be your master. Grace is available to break the cycle. But grace comes to the humble, not to the proud.

## Warning: Some Consequences of Sin Are Permanent

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: Samsonâ??s hair grew back, but his eyes never did. He regained his strength, but he never regained his sight.

| Sin Can Be Forgiven | But Some Consequences Remain |
|---|---|
| David was forgiven for adultery and murder | The child died; his family was never the same |
| Samsonâ??s strength returned | He never saw again |
| Peter was restored after denying Christ | He wept bitterly; the memory remained |

Do not presume that you can sin, repent, and have everything exactly as it was before. God forgives completely, but He does not always remove the earthly consequences. The best course is to *never lose your sight in the first place*.

> *â??May you never lose your sight, in Jesusâ?? name.â?•*

## Conclusion: Your Prayer for Lightened Eyes

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that you will never lose your spiritual sight. Do not play with sin. Do not let the enemy study you and find your weakness. Guard your eyes. Guard your consecration. And if you have fallen, humble yourself and return before it is too late.

**Pray this:**

> *â??Lord Jesus, â??Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.â?? Forgive me for the times I have toyed with sin, flirted with temptation, and played Delilahâ??s game. I renounce every weakness the enemy has studied in me. I close every door that Samson left open. Restore my spiritual sight. Do not let me call good â??evilâ?? or evil â??good.â?? Do not let me justify what You have condemned. Give me the grace to overcome the sins that have repeatedly tripped me. I humble myself before You. I ask for Your help. I do not want to be a blind giantâ??powerful but imprisoned. Lighten my eyes. Keep me seeing. Keep me free. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

**Action Steps:**

1. **The Weakness Audit:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your â??Philistine weaknessâ?•â??the area where the enemy most successfully tempts you. Write it down. Then write down three practical steps to guard that area starting today.
2. **The â??Delilahâ?• Eviction:** Identify any person, place, habit, or media that consistently leads you into sin (your â??Delilahâ?•). Commit to removing it from your life this week, no matter how difficult.
3. **The Sight Check:** Examine your moral compass. Have you begun to justify any sin you once condemned? If yes, repent immediately. Ask God to restore your sensitivity to right and wrong.

*â??Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.â?•*(Psalm 13:3)
**Sin blinds. Sin imprisons. Sin reduces warriors to helplessness. Do not let the enemy study you and find your weakness. Guard your eyes. Guard your consecration. And if you have fallen, humble yourself nowâ??before your hair grows back but your sight never returns. Lighten my eyes, O Lord. Lighten my eyes.**

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