

Open Heavens 2 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 2 July 2026 devotional for today is MORE AFTER MORE.

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OPEN HEAVENS 2 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: MORE AFTER MORE

MEMORISE
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
Luke 1:53

READ: Philippians 3:5-14

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 2 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In todayâ??s Bible reading, Paul recounted some of his great achievements. He stated that he was of the stock of Israel, a descendant of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, circumcised on the eighth day, and a Pharisee. After listing his achievements and attributes, he went on to say that he counted them all as loss and dung for Christ.

Paul was clearly one of the most knowledgeable apostles in the Bible. He was a lawyer and a Pharisee who had studied under a renowned teacher, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). For comparison, we can say that he attended the best university and studied under the most distinguished professor there. He had everything to boast of in terms of knowledge.

However, when he gave his life to Jesus, he laid all his accomplishments at the Masterâ??s feet and allowed the Lord to use them for the advancement of His Kingdom. He humbled himself and submitted to Ananias, a disciple of Christ in Damascus and went on missionary trips with Barnabas, a Levite. Paul didnâ??t allow his past achievements to stop him from pursuing the Lord wholeheartedly.

The secret to Paulâ??s achievements in his walk with God can be found in Philippians 3:13:

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Paul was always ready to learn more. He never allowed what he had learnt previously to rob him of the things that God wanted to show and teach him. This must be your disposition if you want to walk closely with God and achieve great things in His kingdom.

Lamentations 3:23 says that Godâ??s mercies are new every morning. If you keep holding on to yesterdayâ??s mercies, how will you be able to receive todayâ??s portion? There is always more beyond what you have, and God can always give you more than what you have received from Him already.

However, it is only as you humble yourself to receive from the Lord that you can get more from Him. One of the greatest enemies of growth is an â??arrival mentality. The moment people think that they have â??arrivedâ?? (gotten to the peak of success), they stop growing immediately.

Beloved, ask God to help you cultivate a heart that is ever hungry for Him and that constantly seeks to achieve greater exploits in His Kingdom. He will supply you with His grace in abundance so that you will keep soaring in Him.

KEY POINT

Father, please give me a deep hunger to seek You more.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Proverbs 8-11

HYMN 12: ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 2 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Luke 1:53

> *â??He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.â?•*

This verse reveals a kingdom principle that operates opposite to the worldâ??s logic. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it establishes that spiritual fullness is not for those who think they have already arrived, but for those who remain hungry.

BIBLE READING: Philippians 3:5-14

In this passage, the apostle Paul lists his impressive religious credentials then he makes a shocking statement: *â??But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lordâ?¦ and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.â?•* He then declares that he has not yet attained or been perfected, but he forgets what is behind and reaches forward to what is ahead, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Daddy Adeboye uses this to show that even the most accomplished apostle remained hungry, teachable, and forward-looking.

Paul: The Accomplished Apostle Who Never Arrived

1. His Impressive Credentials

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Consider Paulâ??s rÃ©sumÃ©:

Credential	Significance
Circumcised on the eighth day	Kept the law perfectly from birth
Of the stock of Israel	Pure Jewish bloodline
Tribe of Benjamin	Prestigious tribe (Israelâ??s first king came from Benjamin)
Hebrew of Hebrews	Strictest adherence to Hebrew culture and language
Pharisee	The most rigorous religious sect
Zealous persecutor of the church	Extremely committed to his beliefs

> *â??For comparison, we can say that he attended the best university and studied under the most distinguished professor there. He had everything to boast of in terms of knowledge.â?•*

Acts 22:3 â?? Paul studied under Gamaliel, a renowned teacher of the law, highly respected by all the people. Paul was not an amateur; he was a scholar, a lawyer, a leader among his peers.

2. His Radical Revaluation

> *â??After listing his achievements and attributes, he went on to say that he counted them all as loss and dung for Christ.â?•*

Paulâ??s Former Gains	His New Valuation
Religious credentials	Loss (worthless, a liability)
Righteousness by the law	Dung (refuse, garbage, excrement)
Past achievements	Things to be forgotten
Human pride	Counted as nothing

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This is remarkable. Paul:

- Had more theological training than Ananias (a simple disciple)
- Had more social status than Barnabas (a Levite)
- Could have demanded leadership based on his credentials

But he submitted. He learned. He served. He did not let his past achievements become a prison.

The Secret of Paulâ??s Success: Never Arriving

â??The secret to Paulâ??s achievements in his walk with God can be found in Philippians 3:13: â??Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.'â?•

What Paul Did NOT Say	What Paul DID Say
â??I have arrivedâ?•	â??I count not myself to have apprehendedâ?•
â??I know it allâ?•	â??Forgetting those things which are behindâ?•
â??I can rest on my pastâ?•	â??Reaching forth unto those things which are beforeâ?•
â??I have reached the peakâ?•	â??I press toward the markâ?•

â??Paul was always ready to learn more. He never allowed what he had learnt previously to rob him of the things that God wanted to show and teach him. This must be your disposition if you want to walk closely with God and achieve great things in His kingdom.â?•

The Disposition That Stops Growth	The Disposition That Continues Growth
â??I already know thatâ?•	â??Show me moreâ?•
â??I have done thatâ?•	â??What is next?â?•
â??I have arrivedâ?•	â??I am still pressingâ?•
â??My past achievements speak for themselvesâ?•	â??I forget what is behindâ?•

The Danger of the â??Arrival Mentalityâ?•

â??One of the greatest enemies of growth is an â??arrival mentality.â?? The moment people think that they have â??arrivedâ?? (gotten to the peak of success), they stop growing immediately.â?•

The Arrival Mentality	The Result
â??I have learned enoughâ?•	No more learning
â??I have experienced enoughâ?•	No more seeking
â??I have achieved enoughâ?•	No more striving
â??I have arrivedâ?•	Growth stops; decline begins

â??Lamentations 3:23 says that Godâ??s mercies are new every morning. If you keep holding on to yesterdayâ??s mercies, how will you be able to receive todayâ??s portion?â?•

Holding Onto Yesterdayâ??s Mercies	Releasing Yesterday to Receive Today
You become full of what God already gave	You remain empty for what God wants to give now
You celebrate past victories while missing present opportunities	You honor the past but stay hungry for the present
You become stagnant	You keep growing

Lamentations 3:22-23 â?? *â??It is of the LORDâ??s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.â?•*

God has a fresh supply for you today. But you cannot receive todayâ??s portion if you are still clutching yesterdayâ??s. The manna in the wilderness could not be kept overnight. Those who tried found it bred worms and stank (Exodus 16:20). Yesterdayâ??s provision cannot sustain todayâ??s hunger.

The Hungry Heart: Filled with Good Things

> *â??There is always more beyond what you have, and God can always give you more than what you have received from Him already. However, it is only as you humble yourself to receive from the Lord that you can get more from Him.â?•*

The Prideful (Rich in Their Own Eyes)	The Humble (Hungry in Their Own Eyes)
Think they have no need	Know they have desperate need
Are sent away empty (Luke 1:53)	Are filled with good things (Luke 1:53)
God resists them (James 4:6)	God gives them grace (James 4:6)
Stop growing	Continue growing

> *â??Beloved, ask God to help you cultivate a heart that is ever hungry for Him and that constantly seeks to achieve greater exploits in His Kingdom. He will supply you with His grace in abundance so that you will keep soaring in Him.â?•*

A Hungry Heart	What It Produces
Constantly seeks God	Continually finds God
Never satisfied with past achievements	Always pressing toward higher heights
Humble and teachable	Always receiving fresh grace
Ready for new mercies each morning	Soaring from glory to glory

How to Cultivate a Hungry Heart (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and Paulâ??s example, here is how to avoid the arrival mentality and remain perpetually hungry for God:

1. Regularly Confess: â??I Have Not Arrivedâ?•

Paul said it plainly: *â??I count not myself to have apprehended.â?•* Make this confession part of your daily prayer. Write it down. Say it aloud. Let it sink into your soul.

2. Forget What Is Behind

Paul â??forgotâ?• what was behindâ??not by losing memory, but by refusing to let past achievements become the ceiling for future growth.

How to Forget What Is Behind	Practical Action
Stop rehearsing past victories	Celebrate them, then move on
Stop comparing yourself to your past self	Ask: â??What is next, Lord?â?•
Stop resting on old revelations	Seek fresh bread from heaven daily

3. Reach Forth to What Is Before

Paul did not just forget the past; he actively *reached forward*. Growth requires intention.

Ways to Reach Forward	Action Step
Set new spiritual goals	â??This year, I will memorize 52 versesâ?•
Take on new challenges	Volunteer for a ministry you have never done
Seek new mentors	Find someone ahead of you and ask to learn
Study new parts of Scripture	Go beyond your favorite books and chapters

4. Stay in the Posture of a Learner

Paul, the greatest theologian of the early church, submitted to Ananias and traveled with Barnabas. He was never too big to learn.

Prideful Posture	Teachable Posture
â??I have nothing to learn from themâ?•	â??God can speak through anyoneâ?•
â??I have already mastered thisâ?•	â??Show me what I might have missedâ?•
â??I should be the one teachingâ?•	â??I am ready to be taughtâ?•

5. Pray for Fresh Hunger Daily

Do not assume your hunger will sustain itself. The appetite for God must be cultivated, protected, and renewed.

Prayer for Hunger	Why It Matters
â??Lord, keep me hungry for Youâ?•	Hunger drives you to seek

Prayer for Hunger	Why It Matters
â??Lord, do not let me become satisfied with past encountersâ?•	Satisfaction leads to stagnation
â??Lord, fill me today with fresh good thingsâ?•	Todayâ??s hunger receives todayâ??s filling

Warning: Yesterdayâ??s Manna Cannot Feed You Today

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: the greatest enemy of your future is your past success.

Past Success	Can Become a Danger Ifâ?¦
Yesterdayâ??s revelation	You stop seeking fresh revelation
Yesterdayâ??s anointing	You rely on it without pursuing more
Yesterdayâ??s victory	You think the battle is over
Yesterdayâ??s growth	You think you have arrived

The Israelites in the wilderness had to gather manna *daily*. Those who tried to keep it overnight found it rotten. Your spiritual growth must be daily. Your hunger must be daily. Your fresh filling must be daily.

Conclusion: Your Prayer for a Hungry Heart

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that God will cultivate in you a heart that is ever hungry for Him. Do not settle. Do not arrive. Do not rest on past achievements. Keep pressing.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that You fill the hungry with good things and send the proud away empty. Forgive me for the times I have developed an arrival mentalityâ??thinking I have learned enough, experienced enough, achieved enough. Forgive me for holding onto yesterdayâ??s mercies and missing todayâ??s portion. Give me the spirit of Paulâ??forgetting what is behind, reaching forth to what is before, and pressing toward the mark. Keep me hungry. Keep me humble. Keep me teachable. I have not arrived. There is more of You to know. There are greater exploits to do. Fill me today with fresh good things. Let me not be satisfied until I am satisfied in You. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Arrival Mentality Check:** Ask yourself honestly: *In what areas of my spiritual life have I secretly believed that I have â??arrivedâ?•?* (Prayer? Bible knowledge? Ministry experience? Holiness?) Write them down. Then renounce that mentality.
2. **The â??Forget and Reachâ?• Exercise:** On a piece of paper, write down past achievements you have been tempted to rest on (top half: â??What I Am Forgettingâ?•). On the bottom half, write down new goals and fresh areas of growth (â??What I Am Reaching Forâ?•).

3. **The Daily Hunger Prayer:** Every morning this week, pray: *â??Lord, I am hungry. I have not arrived. Fill me today with fresh good things. Send me not away empty.â?•*

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