

Open Heavens 4 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 4 July 2026 devotional for today is WHILE IT IS DAY.

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OPEN HEAVENS 4 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: WHILE IT IS DAY

MEMORISE:

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.
John 11:9

READ: Joshua 13:1-5

Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.
2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,
3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:
4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:
5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baalgad under mount

Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 4 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

The account of some of Joshuaâ??s great exploits can be found in Joshua 12. The chapter highlights all the kings he conquered and the lands he possessed. It was indeed a long list of victories, and any fellow who achieved the things Joshua did would be proud of such exploits.

However, in the next chapter, which is todayâ??s Bible reading, God told him that even though he was now old, there remained much land to be possessed. God then went ahead to list all the lands that remained unconquered, making him know that there was still so much to do.

Beloved, there is a set time when you must do the works of Him who sent you. In John 9:4. Jesus said, â??I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.â•

For every human, there is a daytime and a nighttime. The daytime is the portion of a fellowâ??s life when he or she is young and agile. In the daytime, a fellow has the strength to go around preaching the gospel of Christ and can fast and pray as long as he or she wants to.

However, by nighttime, the fellowâ??s strength would have abated. Also, when some peopleâ??s nighttime comes, they become sick and are unable to continue working.

Therefore, if you have the opportunity to do Godâ??s work now, do it with all your strength and focus.

Even if you are well advanced in years, the fact that you are alive means that there is still so much you can do for God, just as He showed Joshua in todayâ??s Bible reading.

There are 24 hours in a day. Approximately half of those hours are characterised by the presence of sunlight, and during those hours, most people work on their goals. After those hours of light, darkness descends.

Jesus said in John 11:10 that if a man walks in the night, he stumbles. This means that NOW is the time to serve God and carry out any assignments He might have committed into your hands. You must get to work now because when the night comes, no one, including you, will be able to work.

Therefore, work while it is still day. Donâ??t procrastinate Godâ??s work. Heal the sick, preach the gospel, cast out demons, mentor the next generation, and let your light so shine before men that they may glorify your Father in heaven.

KEY POINT

Work while it is day.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Proverbs 15-17

Open Heavens HYMN 32: TO THE WORK! TO THE WORK! WE ARE SERVANTS OF GOD

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 4 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: John 11:9

> *â??Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.â?•*

This verse establishes the reality of a limited window for effective work. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it reveals that the â??daytimeâ?• of lifeâ??the season of strength, opportunity, and visibilityâ??has a fixed length. Just as a literal day has twelve hours of light, your life has a divinely appointed season for labor. Therefore, the only wise response is to work now, while the light lasts.

BIBLE READING: Joshua 13:1-5

This passage records Godâ??s words to Joshua in his old age. Joshua had led Israel through decades of conquest. The previous chapter (Joshua 12) lists an impressive catalog of defeated kingsâ??thirty-one in total. One might think the work was complete. But God says to Joshua: *â??Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.â?•* Then God proceeds to list all the unconquered territories. The fact that you are still alive means God still has an assignment for you.

Joshuaâ??s Great Exploits and Godâ??s Correction

1. The Long List of Victories (Joshua 12)

> *â??The account of some of Joshuaâ??s great exploits can be found in Joshua 12. The chapter highlights all the kings he conquered and the lands he possessed. It was indeed a long list of victories, and any fellow who achieved the things Joshua did would be proud of such exploits.â?•*

Consider Joshuaâ??s track record:

Victories Under Joshua	Significance
Conquest of Jericho	Walls fell at the shout of faith
Conquest of Ai	Victory after initial defeat and cleansing of sin
Defeat of the southern coalition	Sun stood still at Joshuaâ??s command (Joshua 10)
Defeat of the northern coalition	Multiple kings and armies destroyed
Thirty-one kings defeated	An astonishing military achievement

Joshua had every reason to feel satisfied. He had led a generation into the Promised Land. He had won battles that seemed impossible. He had seen miracles that no living person had witnessed. Humanly speaking, he had earned the right to rest.

2. Godâ??s Unexpected Word (Joshua 13:1)

> *â??However, in the next chapter, which is todayâ??s Bible reading, God told him that even though he was now old, there remained much land to be possessed. God then went ahead to list all the lands that remained unconquered, making him know that there was still so much to do.â?•*

Joshuaâ??s Perspective	Godâ??s Perspective
â??I have done so muchâ?•	â??There is still much to doâ?•
â??I am oldâ?•	â??You are alive, so you are still usefulâ?•
â??The victories are manyâ?•	â??The unconquered lands are manyâ?•
â??I can rest nowâ?•	â??Work while it is dayâ?•

> *â??Even if you are well advanced in years, the fact that you are alive means that there is still so much you can do for God, just as He showed Joshua in todayâ??s Bible reading.â?•*

This is a crucial point. Age is not an excuse for retirement from kingdom work. As long as you have breath, you have assignment. As long as you are alive, there is â??much landâ?• still to be possessedâ??souls to win, disciples to make, prayers to pray, generational transfers to complete.

The Daytime and Nighttime of Life

1. The Daytime: The Season of Strength and Opportunity

> *â??For every human, there is a daytime and a nighttime. The daytime is the portion of a fellowâ??s life when he or she is young and agile. In the daytime, a fellow has the strength to go around preaching the gospel of Christ and can fast and pray as long as he or she wants to.â?•*

Characteristics of the Daytime	What You Can Do

Youth and agility	Travel, preach, serve actively
Strength and energy	Fast long, pray long, labor hard
Health and vitality	Take on difficult assignments
Opportunity and access	Influence others, mentor, lead

> *â??Therefore, if you have the opportunity to do Godâ??s work now, do it with all your strength and focus.â?•*

The daytime is a gift. It is not guaranteed to last. Do not waste it on trivial pursuits, selfish ambitions, or lazy indifference. Use your strength for the Kingdom while you still have strength.

2. The Nighttime: The Season When Work Ceases

> *â??However, by nighttime, the fellowâ??s strength would have abated. Also, when some peopleâ??s nighttime comes, they become sick and are unable to continue working.â?•*

Characteristics of the Nighttime	What You Can No Longer Do
Advanced age	Travel extensively, endure long physical labor
Declining health	Fast for many days, stay up in prayer for hours
Diminished strength	Take on physically demanding assignments
End of life	Work on earth (the night comes when no man can work)

John 9:4 â?? *â??I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.â?•*

Jesus spoke these words with urgency. He knew His â??dayâ?• was finite. He knew the cross was approaching. He did not procrastinate. He worked while He could.

The Danger of Walking in the Night (John 11:10)

> *â??Jesus said in John 11:10 that if a man walks in the night, he stumbles. This means that NOW is the time to serve God and carry out any assignments He might have committed into your hands. You must get to work now because when the night comes, no one, including you, will be able to work.â?•*

Walking in the Day	Walking in the Night
Sees the light of this world	Stumbles because there is no light
Works effectively	Cannot work
Fulfills purpose	Misses opportunity
Avoids obstacles	Falls into traps

â??Donâ??t procrastinate Godâ??s work.â?•

Procrastination is the enemy of destiny. Tomorrow is not promised. Next year is not guaranteed. The â??nightâ?• may come suddenlyâ??illness, accident, unexpected death, or simply the gradual decline of strength that makes what you could do today impossible tomorrow.

What You Should Do While It Is Still Day

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the examples of Joshua and Jesus, here is a checklist of kingdom work that cannot be postponed:

1. Heal the Sick

Do not wait until you have â??more faithâ?• or â??more training.â?• Pray for the sick now. Lay hands on the suffering now. The power of God is available in the present, not just in some future season.

2. Preach the Gospel

Donâ??t Wait Forâ?¦	Preach Now
A bigger platform	Share with one person today
More eloquence	Speak what you know
A pulpit	Witness in the marketplace, workplace, home

3. Cast Out Demons

The authority of the believer is not reserved for â??experts.â?• Jesus gave His authority to all who believe. Set captives free now. Break bondages now. Do not delay deliverance.

4. Mentor the Next Generation

Joshua was old, but God told him there was still land to possessâ??including the land of the Philistines, the Sidonians, and others. Part of that â??landâ?• was the raising up of the next generation. Do not die with your gift still inside you. Transfer what you know. Pour into younger believers.

5. Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

â??Let your light so shine before men that they may glorify your Father in heaven.â?•

How to Shine	Do It Now
Good works	Stop waiting for the â??perfectâ?• opportunity
Acts of kindness	Do not delay when someone is in need
Public testimony	Speak of Godâ??s goodness while you have breath

The Urgency of Now

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent tone: *â??You must get to work now.â?•*

Excuse for Delay	The Truth
â??Iâ??ll serve God when I retireâ?•	You may not live to retire, or your health may fail
â??Iâ??ll witness when Iâ??m more confidentâ?•	Confidence comes by doing, not waiting
â??Iâ??ll pray more when I have more timeâ?•	You will never have more time; you have only now
â??Iâ??ll start that ministry next yearâ?•	Next year may never come for you

> *â??There are 24 hours in a day. Approximately half of those hours are characterised by the presence of sunlight, and during those hours, most people work on their goals. After those hours of light, darkness descends.â?•*

The analogy is simple but profound:

The Sunlit Hours	The Hours of Darkness
Work is possible	Work is impossible
Progress is made	Stumbling occurs
Goals are achieved	Opportunity is lost

Your life is the â??day.â?• Your death or decline is the â??night.â?• You do not know how many hours of daylight remain. Therefore, work now.

Warning: Do Not Presume Upon Tomorrow

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: the night is coming. It may come sooner than you think.

James 4:13-14	The Application
â??Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a cityâ?¦ whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.â?•	Do not assume you have tomorrow to serve God
â??For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.â?•	Your â??daytimeâ?• is briefâ??a vapor, a mist

Do not be like the rich fool in Luke 12 who said, *â??Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.â?•* God said to him, *â??Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.â?•* His â??nightâ?• came unexpectedly. His work was undone.

How to Maximize Your Daytime (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to ensure you are working while it is still day:

1. Identify Your Assigned Work

Ask God: *What is the â??landâ?• You have given me to possess?* For Joshua, it was unconquered territories. For you, it may be a family, a community, a ministry, a sphere of influence. Know your assignment.

2. Stop Procrastinating

Identify one thing God has been asking you to do that you have delayed. Do it today. Not tomorrow. Not next week. Today.

Procrastinated Task	Do It Now
A difficult conversation	Make the call today
A financial commitment to Godâ??s work	Give the offering today
A ministry assignment	Start the planning today
An act of forgiveness	Forgive now

3. Use Your Strength While You Have It

Do not save your best energy for yourself. Do not exhaust yourself on trivial pursuits and offer God your leftovers. Young or old, strong or weak, give God the best of your strength while you still have strength to give.

4. Pour Into Others Before Your Night Comes

Joshua was old. His strength was fading. But God said there was still land to possessâ??including the raising up of the next generation. Do not die with your wisdom unshared. Write it down. Speak it out. Mentor someone younger.

5. Live Each Day as If It Were Your Last

Not in morbid fear, but in urgent purpose. Ask each morning: *If this were my last day of â??daytime,â?• what would I do for the Kingdom today?* Then do it.

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Urgency and Fruitfulness

Daddy Adeboye closes with a call to work while it is still day. Do not procrastinate. Do not assume tomorrow. The night is coming. Work now.

Pray this:

â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have given me a daytimeâ??a season of strength, opportunity, and light. Forgive me for the hours I have wasted. Forgive me for the procrastination, the excuses, the delays. Forgive me for acting as if my night will never come. Today, I receive the word You spoke to Joshua: even though I may be old, even though I may be tired, there is still much land to possess. Show me the unconquered territories in my lifeâ??the souls to win, the disciples to make, the prayers to pray, the generational transfers to complete. I will work while it is day. I will not stumble in the night. Heal the sick through me. Preach the gospel through me. Let my light shine before men. Use me until my last breath. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The â??Much Landâ?• Audit:** Ask God to show you the â??land that remains to be possessedâ?• in your lifeâ??specific assignments, people to reach, areas of service you have neglected. Write them down.
2. **The Procrastination Confession:** Identify one specific task God has given you that you have been delaying. Commit to completing it within 48 hours. Do not let another week pass.
3. **The Daytime Schedule:** For the next 30 days, schedule your kingdom work first, not last. Before you fill your calendar with entertainment, hobbies, or non-essentials, block out time for prayer, witness, service, and mentoring. Protect your â??daytimeâ?• hours.

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