

Open Heavens 5 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 5 July 2026 devotional for today is WHAT IS YOUR DEEPEST DESIRE?

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OPEN HEAVENS 5 JULY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: WHAT IS YOUR DEEPEST DESIRE?

MEMORISE:

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
Psalm 130:6

READ: John 12:20-21

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 5 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
Psalm 27:4

In the Scripture above and many other instances in the Bible, David expressed his desire to dwell in Godâ??s presence. In Psalm 63:1-2, he expressed his yearning to seek God early and see His power and glory. In verse 6 of the same chapter, he said that he remembered God upon his bed and meditated on Him in the night watches. Also, in todayâ??s memory verse, he said that his soul waited for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Watchmen always look forward to daybreak when they would be free to rest and relax, and David likened his intense desire for God to their longing for daybreak.

Beloved, what or whom are you seeking? In todayâ??s Bible reading, certain Greeks went to worship at the feast in Jerusalem, and when they saw Philip, they said, â??Sir, we would see Jesus.â?• If God gives you a blank cheque today, what will you ask for?

Will you ask for things that will perish with time, or will you ask to see Jesus? People who seek God only for material things will never truly be satisfied because they will ultimately fade away. However, those who genuinely seek God and His Kingdom always find Him (Jeremiah 29:13) and become truly satisfied, as every other thing they need is added to them (Matthew 6:33)

God will always draw near to those who draw near to Him (James 4:8); He showed this clearly in His relationship with David. Do you want God to love you in a special way? Do you want His presence with you at all times? Then your deepest desire should be to always please him (1 Thessalonians 4:1) and to continually grow in your knowledge of Him (Philippians 3:10).

Child of God, what is your deepest heart cry? What keeps you awake at night? Do you regularly think of how to amass material things for yourself or how to know God more? Whatever you are hungry and thirsty for will determine what you will get, and as Matthew 5:6 says, â??Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.â?• I pray that you will truly seek Godâ??s face and experience the beauty of His holiness, in Jesusâ?? name.

REFLECTION:

What is your deepest heart cry: material things or Jesus?

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Proverbs 18-20

Open Heavens HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 5 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 130:6

> *â??My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.â?•*

This verse captures the intensity of spiritual longing. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it compares the believerâ??s desire for God to the watchmanâ??s desperate anticipation of daybreak.

BIBLE READING: John 12:20-21

This passage records a brief but profound encounter. Certain Greeks had come to Jerusalem to worship at the feast. They approached Philip with a simple request: *â??Sir, we would see Jesus.â?•* No other request. No list of needs. No demands for miracles or blessings. Just the desire to see Jesus.

The Heart of David: One Thing Have I Desired

1. Davidâ??s Single-Minded Pursuit (Psalm 27:4)

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Psalm 27:4 â?? *â??One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.â?•*

Notice the singularity: *â??One thing have I desired.â?•* David was not distracted by a thousand competing ambitions. He had one consuming passion: to dwell in Godâ??s presence, to behold Godâ??s beauty, to inquire in Godâ??s temple.

What David Desired	What He Did Not Prioritize
To dwell in Godâ??s house	Palaces, thrones, earthly security
To behold Godâ??s beauty	Gold, silver, material riches
To inquire in Godâ??s temple	Human wisdom, political alliances

What David Desired	What He Did Not Prioritize
Godâ??s presence	Godâ??s presents (blessings, gifts, prosperity)

> *â??In verse 6 of the same chapter, he said that he remembered God upon his bed and meditated on Him in the night watches. Also, in todayâ??s memory verse, he said that his soul waited for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.â?•*

Psalm 63:6 â?? *â??When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.â?•*

David did not only seek God when he was in trouble. He did not only pray when he needed something. He remembered God upon his bedâ??in the quiet hours, in the darkness, when no one was watching. His desire for God was not performance; it was passion.

2. The Watchmanâ??s Longing (Psalm 130:6)

> *â??Watchmen always look forward to daybreak when they would be free to rest and relax, and David likened his intense desire for God to their longing for daybreak.â?•*

The Watchmanâ??s Longing	Davidâ??s Longing for God
Desperate for the night to end	Desperate for more of Godâ??s presence
Strains his eyes toward the horizon	Strains his soul toward the Lord
Cannot rest until dawn comes	Cannot rest until he encounters God
Morning is his only hope	God is his only hope

> *â??More than they that watch for the morningâ?•* â?? the repetition emphasizes intensity. David does not just say it once; he says it twice: *â??I say, more than they that watch for the morning.â?•* His desire for God exceeds every other longing.

The Greeksâ?? Request: â??We Would See Jesusâ?•

> *â??In todayâ??s Bible reading, certain Greeks went to worship at the feast in Jerusalem, and when they saw Philip, they said, â??Sir, we would see Jesus.'â?•*

Consider what these Greeks did NOT ask for:

What They Did Not Ask	What They Asked
Healing for a sick relative	â??We would see Jesusâ?•
Financial breakthrough	â??We would see Jesusâ?•
Deliverance from oppression	â??We would see Jesusâ?•
Political favor or protection	â??We would see Jesusâ?•

What They Did Not Ask	What They Asked
A miracle, a sign, a wonder	â??We would see Jesusâ?•

They had heard about Jesus. They had traveled to the feast. They could have asked for anything. But their request was simple, direct, and profound: *â??Sir, we would see Jesus.â?•*

â??If God gives you a blank cheque today, what will you ask for? Will you ask for things that will perish with time, or will you ask to see Jesus?â?•

The Blank Cheque Test	What Your Answer Reveals
If you ask for money, houses, cars	You value perishable things
If you ask for healing, deliverance, breakthrough	You value temporary relief
If you ask for ministry success, fame, influence	You value earthly recognition
If you ask for more of God, to see Jesus, to know Him	You value the eternal

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Seek God Only for What He Gives	Seek God for Who He Is
Never truly satisfied	Truly satisfied
The things they pursue fade away	God never fades; He is eternal
They may get things but miss the Giver	They get the Giver, and things are added

Godâ??s Response to Those Who Seek Him

1. He Draws Near to Those Who Draw Near (James 4:8)

â??God will always draw near to those who draw near to Him (James 4:8); He showed this clearly in His relationship with David.â?•

If You Draw Near to God	Godâ??s Response
You take a step toward Him	He takes a step toward you
You seek His face	He reveals Himself to you
You desire His presence	He dwells with you
You pursue Him	He is found by you (Jeremiah 29:13)

David was not perfect. He sinned grievously. But his heart was always oriented toward God. He sought God early, meditated on Him at night, waited for Him more than watchmen wait for morning. And God responded by calling David *â??a man after mine own heartâ?•* (Acts 13:22).

2. He Gives Himself to the Hungry (Matthew 5:6)

> *â??Whatever you are hungry and thirsty for will determine what you will get, and as Matthew 5:6 says, â??Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.'â?•*

What You Hunger For	What You Will Receive
Righteousness, Godâ??s presence, to see Jesus	Filled to overflowing
Money, possessions, worldly success	You may get them, but you will not be filled
Fame, recognition, power	Empty, dissatisfied, always wanting more

> *â??Do you want God to love you in a special way? Do you want His presence with you at all times? Then your deepest desire should be to always please him (1 Thessalonians 4:1) and to continually grow in your knowledge of Him (Philippians 3:10).â?•*

1 Thessalonians 4:1 â?? *â??Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.â?•*

Philippians 3:10 â?? *â??That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.â?•*

Paulâ??s deepest desire was not for comfort, safety, or material blessing. It was to *know Christ*. To know Him in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. That is the heart of one who has learned to say, *â??We would see Jesus.â?•*

Examining Your Deepest Heart Cry

Daddy Adeboye asks penetrating questions:

> *â??Child of God, what is your deepest heart cry? What keeps you awake at night? Do you regularly think of how to amass material things for yourself or how to know God more?â?•*

Questions to Ask Yourself	What Your Answers Reveal
What do you think about when you cannot sleep?	Your deepest obsession
What would you ask for if God gave you a blank cheque?	Your true priority
What are you hungry and thirsty for?	What you will be filled with
What keeps you seeking, praying, pursuing?	The true desire of your heart

â??I pray that you will truly seek Godâ??s face and experience the beauty of His holiness, in Jesusâ?? name.â?•

How to Cultivate a Heart That Seeks God Above All (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the examples of David and the Greeks, here is how to make â??seeing Jesusâ?• your deepest desire:

1. Conduct a Blank Cheque Test

Today, imagine God says to you, *â??Ask what you will, and I will give it to you.â?•* Write down your immediate answer. Then ask yourself: *Does this request reveal a heart that seeks God or merely His gifts?* If your answer is not â??more of You, Lord,â?• repent and redirect your desire.

2. Practice the Discipline of Waiting for the Lord

David said, *â??My soul waiteth for the Lord.â?•* Waiting is not passivity; it is active expectation. Set aside time each day to simply *be* in Godâ??s presenceâ??not asking, not listing needs, not rushing. Wait. Long. Watch.

Instead ofâ?¦	Practiceâ?¦
Rushing through prayer	Lingering in Godâ??s presence
Asking for many things	Seeking His face above all
Focusing on needs	Focusing on Him
Checking the clock	Waiting like a watchman for morning

3. Memorize and Meditate on Psalm 27:4

Make Davidâ??s â??one thingâ?• your one thing. Write it on an index card. Recite it daily: *â??One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.â?•*

4. Let â??We Would See Jesusâ?• Be Your Prayer

When you wake, pray: *â??Lord, today, I would see Jesus.â?•* When you read Scripture, read to see Jesus. When you worship, worship to encounter Jesus. When you pray, pray to know Jesus. Make seeing Him your singular pursuit.

5. Evaluate What Keeps You Awake

If you lie awake at night worrying about money, planning your career, or replaying offenses, your heart is not set on God. Redirect those sleepless hours to prayer and meditation on God. Let what keeps you awake be the longing for His presence.

Warning: You Can Seek Godâ??s Gifts and Miss God Himself

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: it is possible to be religious, to pray, to attend church, to even serve in ministryâ??all while seeking Godâ??s hand rather than His face.

Seeking Godâ??s Hand	Seeking Godâ??s Face
Focused on what God gives	Focused on who God is
Prayers are shopping lists	Prayers are encounters
Satisfaction depends on receiving	Satisfaction is found in Him alone
When gifts stop, seeking stops	Even in drought, the seeker remains
May receive things but miss the Giver	Receives the Giver, and all things with Him

Do not be satisfied with blessings. Do not settle for miracles. Do not trade the Presence for the presents. Let your deepest heart cry be: *â??Sir, we would see Jesus.â?•*

Conclusion: Your Prayer to See Jesus

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that you will truly seek Godâ??s face and experience the beauty of His holiness. Not His hand. Not His gifts. His face.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I confess that too often I have sought Your hand rather than Your face. I have asked for blessings, miracles, and provisionâ??but I have not asked simply to see You. Forgive me for treating You like a vending machine rather than the Lover of my soul. Today, I echo the cry of David: â??One thing have I desiredâ??to dwell in Your house, to behold Your beauty, to inquire in Your temple.â?? I echo the request of the Greeks: â??Sir, we would see Jesus.â?? Give me a hunger and thirst for righteousness that cannot be satisfied with anything less than You. Let my soul wait for You more than the watchman waits for morning. Whether You give me anything else or not, give me Yourself. You are my deepest heart cry. You are my one thing. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Blank Cheque Test:** Take a sheet of paper. Write at the top: *â??If God gave me a blank cheque today, I would ask forâ?¦â?•* Write your honest answer. Then examine it. If Jesus is not at the top of the list, tear up the paper, repent, and rewrite it.
2. **The Night Watch Practice:** For the next seven nights, before you sleep, spend five minutes in silence, saying to the Lord: *â??My soul waits for You more than watchmen wait for morning.â?•* Let this prayer be the last thing on your lips.
3. **The â??We Would See Jesusâ?• Prayer:** Every morning this week, pray: *â??Lord, I donâ??t know what else this day holds, but I know what I want: I want to see Jesus. Open my eyes to see Him in Scripture, in worship, in prayer, in the faces of Your people. Sir, I would see Jesus.â?•*

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