



Open Heaven 2 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commemorative

Description

The Open Heaven 2 December 2025 devotional for today is **TRUE DELIVERANCE**.

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TOPIC: TRUE DELIVERANCE

MEMORISE:

Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Luke 8:39

READ: Luke 8:1-3:

1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

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Jesus Christ cast demons out of people during His earthly ministry, and He also charged all Christians to do the same thing:

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
Matthew 10:8

Deliverance, however, is beyond casting out demons. True deliverance happens when a demon is unable to return and repossess a fellow that has been delivered from it.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:43-45 that when an evil spirit comes out of a fellow, it wanders around looking for a place to stay. If it doesn't find a place to stay, it will go back to check if its former home is still empty. If it discovers that the place is empty, it will invite other demons that are more wicked than it, and they will reside in the fellow's life. The end of such a fellow will then become worse than when he or she was possessed by only one demon.

As a child of God, the moment you cast out a demon from someone, see to it that the fellow is filled with the Holy Spirit. If the demon returns and finds that the Holy Spirit already occupies the fellow, it can't repossess him or her.

After Jesus cast seven demons out of Mary Magdalene, she became one of His followers and followed Him until the end of His earthly ministry. The moment the Lord set her free, she became a divine treasure and committed to serving God with all that she had. Her commitment made her one of the first people to see Jesus after he was resurrected (John 20:13-18).

In Luke 8:26-39, after Jesus cast the legion of demons out of the madman of Gadara, He told him to go about preaching the gospel. It is not enough for a demon to be cast out of a fellow; the real deliverance is when he or she is filled with the Holy Spirit such that the demon cannot return to repossess the fellow.

Beloved, true deliverance is when your heart is filled with the Holy Spirit because you pray and feed on the word of God daily, fast regularly, and live a holy life.

True deliverance is when a delivered fellow does not return to his or her old lifestyle but rather remains filled by the Holy Spirit such that there cannot be a repossession by demons.

KEY POINT

True deliverance happens when a fellow allows the Holy Spirit to fill up every space that the devil had previously occupied.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Corinthians 14-16

HYMN 7: I AM THINE O LORD.

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Luke 8:39

Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him.•

This verse captures the essential fruit of true deliverance: a transformed life becomes a public testimony. The man's mission shifts from being *possessed by* demons to *proclaiming* Christ. His freedom is evidenced not just by the absence of evil, but by the presence of a purposeful, God-glorifying vocation.

BIBLE READING: Luke 8:1-3

This passage reveals the social and financial partnership of Christ's ministry:

v.1: Jesus' core mission: *preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.*

v.2: The testimony of deliverance: *certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.*•

v.3: The fruit of deliverance: transformed beneficiaries (like Joanna, Susanna) now become dedicated supporters *ministering unto him of their substance.*• Deliverance leads to discipleship and stewardship.

The Anatomy of True Deliverance

Pastor E.A. Adeboye shifts the focus from the dramatic *expulsion* of demons to the critical, sustained *occupation* of the believer by the Holy Spirit. True deliverance is not a one-time event but a permanent state of being filled and guarded by God's presence.

1. The Peril of an Empty House (Matthew 12:43-45)

The Nature of Spiritual Vacuum:

A cast-out demon seeks a *resting place*.• An empty, cleansed life—devoid of sin but also not filled with God—represents a state of vulnerable neutrality. Nature abhors a vacuum, and the spiritual realm decisively fills it.

The Strategy of the Enemy:

The returning demon conducts an *inspection*. If it finds *the house empty, swept, and garnished*• (decorated with morality or religion but lacking the indwelling Owner), it executes a hostile takeover with greater force. This reveals that reformation without regeneration is a recipe for greater bondage.

The Tragic End State:

â??The last state of that man is worse than the first.â?• This is the ultimate danger of incomplete deliveranceâ??a life that experiences power but not permanent change becomes a fortified stronghold for deeper darkness.

2. The Biblical Blueprint for Secure Deliverance

The Case of Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2, John 20:13-18):

- **Deliverance:** Seven demons were cast out.
- **Filling & Discipleship:** She immediately became a follower, ministering to Jesus and supporting His work. Her life was occupied by a new Master and mission.
- **Result:** Her filled life positioned her for the highest honor: being the first witness of the Resurrection. True deliverance leads to intimate fellowship and divine assignment.

The Case of the Gadarene Demoniac (Luke 8:26-39):

- **Deliverance:** A legion of demons was cast out.
- **Filling & Commission:** Jesus did not let him remain idle or simply relieved. He was given a purpose: *â??Returnâ?| and shew.â?•* His testimony became his ministry, filling the space once occupied by madness with evangelism.

3. The Holy Spirit: The Divine Occupant and Shield

The Principle of Divine Tenancy:

The core teaching is that casting out a demon is only step one. The delivered person must be *â??filled with the Holy Spirit.â?•* The Holy Spirit is not just a power; He is a Person who takes up residence. A demon cannot evict the rightful Owner of the house.

The Practical Manifestation of Being Filled:

Pastor Adeboye clarifies that being filled is not a mystical feeling but a lifestyle evidenced by:

- **Prayer and the Word:** Daily communion (feeding) that strengthens the inner man.
- **Fasting:** Regular discipline that subdues the flesh and sharpens spiritual sensitivity.
- **Holy Living:** A consistent choice to reject the old pathways that once gave access to the enemy.

4. The Evidence of True Deliverance in the Believer

A Transformed Lifestyle:

â??True deliverance is when a delivered fellow does not return to his or her old lifestyle.â?• Freedom is proven by sustained change. The Gadarene man was found *â??sitting, clothed, and in his right mindâ?•* â??a picture of rest, dignity, and sanity.

A Prophetic Testimony:

The delivered person becomes a living declaration, like the man in Luke 8:39, *â??publishing* throughout the whole cityâ?? what Jesus did. Your life becomes a gospel tract written by the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship and Service:

Like Mary Magdalene and the women in Luke 8:3, true deliverance redirects one's resources—time, talent, treasure—toward advancing God's kingdom. You move from being a consumer of miracles to a contributor to the ministry.

How to Secure Your Deliverance and Guard Your Freedom

1. Pursue Intentional Filling, Not Just Freedom:

After any spiritual victory or cleansing, immediately ask in prayer for a fresh, powerful infilling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Invite Him to occupy every area.

2. Establish Guardrails of Grace:

Identify the "doors" through which the enemy gained access (certain relationships, media, habits, thoughts). Through prayer and obedience, establish firm boundaries guarded by the Word.

3. Embrace Your God-Given Assignment:

Idleness is dangerous for a delivered soul. Like the Gadarene, discover and commit to the purpose God has for you—your "house" and "city" to testify in. Purpose fills the vacuum.

4. Cultivate a Fellowship-Based Life:

Mary Magdalene followed Christ *with others*. Integration into a vibrant, accountable body of believers (the local church) provides protection, nourishment, and corrective fellowship.

Warning: The Danger of a Decorated Empty House

A moral life, church attendance, or even ministerial activity without the conscious, submitted indwelling of the Holy Spirit is merely a "swept and garnished" house. It is vulnerable. The enemy targets those who rely on the memory of a past deliverance without maintaining present-tense fullness.

Conclusion: From Eviction to Eternal Occupation

Pray this:

"Lord Jesus, my Deliverer, thank You for setting me free. I renounce every claim of the enemy over my life. Now, Holy Spirit, I invite You to fill every chamber of my heart, mind, and spirit. Be the permanent Occupant and Governor of my life. Let my testimony of freedom be secure and my life be a continuous proclamation of Your greatness, in Jesus' mighty name."

Action Steps:

- **Conduct a Spiritual Audit:** Identify one area of your life that has been "cleansed" but may not be fully "filled." Dedicate it to the Holy Spirit through prayer and scripture meditation.
- **Define Your Testimony:** Write down your "Luke 8:39" statement: *"How great things God has done for me."* Share it with someone this week.
- **Fast and Pray:** As Daddy Adeboye advised, incorporate regular fasting into your routine as a discipline to strengthen your spirit and affirm the Holy Spirit's lordship over your flesh.

Remember: Deliverance is freedom *from* bondage, but it is also freedom *for* destiny. An empty house is a target. A Spirit-filled life is an unassailable fortress and a powerful lighthouse.
â??Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the worldâ?• (1 John 4:4). He in you is your guarantee of permanent victory.

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