

Open Heavens 31 May 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 31 May 2026 devotional for today is **DEPEND ONLY ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD**.

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OPEN HEAVENS 31 MAY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DEPEND ONLY ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MEMORISE

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
John 10:10

READ: Psalm 37:3-7

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 31 MAY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

A man once swallowed a charm that was supposed to make him wealthy, but he remained poor. On top of that, he was told that he would die after seven years because of the charm he had swallowed. When he had just about two weeks left to live and was already staring death in its face, he ran to the RCCG. When he told us his ordeal, we told him that our God is the Great Deliverer. He gave his life to Christ, and when we said a simple prayer for him, he vomited what he had swallowed.

He remained consistent in church for two weeks, rejoicing because of what the Lord had done for him. Then, suddenly, he stopped coming. When we went to check on him, he said, â??The herbalist who made the charm for me told me that I swallowed it wrongly.â?• He swallowed another one, and this time, he became very wealthy. The herbalist told him he would live only for seven years to enjoy the wealth, and when the time was about to elapse, he suddenly had a â??brilliantâ?? idea. He decided to relocate to London as he felt that demons could only operate in Africa. Sadly, however, he died on the plane.

My Father in the Lord, Pa Josiah Akindayomi, used to say, â??Your father will take care of you with whatever he has. If he has evil, he will use it to take care of you, and if he has good, that is what you will get from him.â?• The devil doesnâ??t have anything good in him; if you go to him for anything, be sure that whatever he gives you will be evil. Jesus, however, is the Good Shepherd; whatever comes from Him is always good.

According to todayâ??s Bible reading, trusting and depending on God is your access to His goodness.

Those who trust in Jesus will receive the power to become sons of God (John 1:12). They will have authority over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means harm them (Luke 10:19). No weapon that is fashioned by the devil against them will prosper (Isaiah 54:17), and they will eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19).

Beloved, do you depend only on the Good Shepherd? Those who depend on Him are like Mount Zion; regardless of the situation around them, they cannot be shaken (Psalm 125:1). Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4)

REFLECTION

Do you depend on the Good Shepherd for your needs, or do you seek ungodly alternatives?

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Job 17-20

Open Heavens HYMN 19: ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 31 MAY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: John 10:10

â??The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.â?•

This verse draws a clear line between two masters: the thief (the devil) and the Good Shepherd (Jesus). The devil has three goalsâ??steal, kill, destroy. Every single thing he gives comes with one of these three purposes. Jesus, by contrast, gives lifeâ??not just existence, but abundant life. Full, rich, overflowing life. When you understand the difference between the thief and the Shepherd, you will never again be tempted by the devilâ??s counterfeits.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 37:3-7

â??Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.â?•

This passage outlines the pathway to Godâ??s goodness: trust, delight, commit, rest, wait. The promise is not that you will never face evil men or wicked devices, but that God will bring your righteousness to light and give you the desires of your heart. The alternativeâ??fretting over those who prosper through wickednessâ??leads only to frustration. The psalmist calls you to trust, not to envy.

The Devilâ??s Gifts Always Kill

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** returns to a theme he has touched on before: the devilâ??s blessings always come with hidden death. The enemy may give you wealth, success, or powerâ??but his gifts are poisoned. They steal your peace, kill your destiny, and destroy your soul. Only the Good Shepherd gives life that is truly good.

The Man Who Swallowed a Charm

The devotional opens with a tragic testimony that illustrates this truth. A man swallowed a charm that was supposed to make him wealthy. Instead, he remained poor. Worse, he was told he would die after seven years because of the charm he had swallowed.

When he had just two weeks left to live, he ran to RCCG. He gave his life to Christ, and after a simple prayer, he vomited the charm. He was free. He came to church consistently for two weeks, rejoicing.

Then he stopped coming.

When the church checked on him, he said, â??The herbalist who made the charm for me told me that I swallowed it wrongly.â?• So he swallowed another charm. This time, it worked. He became very wealthy. But the herbalist told him he would live only seven years to enjoy the wealth.

As the seven years were about to elapse, he had a â??brilliantâ?? idea. He decided to relocate to London, thinking that demons could only operate in Africa.

He died on the plane.

This is the devilâ??s pattern: He gives you what you want, but he makes sure you cannot enjoy it. He gives you wealth, but he takes your life. He gives you success, but he steals your peace. He gives you a temporary blessing, but the permanent curse kills you.

The Devil Has Nothing Good in Him

The devotional quotes Daddy Adeboyeâ??s mentor, Pa Josiah Akindayomi: **â??Your father will take care of you with whatever he has. If he has evil, he will use it to take care of you, and if he has good, that is what you will get from him.â?•**

The devil has no good in him. He cannot give good gifts because he has no good to give. Every gift from the devil is evil disguised as blessing.

- He gives wealth, but it comes with sorrow.
- He gives success, but it comes with bondage.
- He gives pleasure, but it comes with destruction.
- He gives power, but it comes with a shortened life.

The man on the plane learned this too late. He thought he had outsmarted the devil by moving to London. But the devilâ??s curse followed himâ??because the devilâ??s gifts are not location-specific. They are destiny-specific.

Jesus: The Good Shepherd Who Gives Good Gifts

By contrast, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. **Whatever comes from Him is always good.**

- He gives wealth without sorrow (Proverbs 10:22).
- He gives success without bondage.
- He gives pleasure without guilt.
- He gives power without destruction.

The memory verse says Jesus came to give lifeâ??and not just any life, but abundant life. Abundant means overflowing, excessive, more than enough. The devilâ??s gifts look abundant but are actually empty. Jesusâ?? gifts look simple but are actually infinite.

The Benefits of Trusting the Good Shepherd

The devotional lists what happens when you trust in Jesus:

1. You Receive Power to Become a Son of God (John 1:12)
Not a slave, not a beggar, not a servantâ??a son. Sons have access. Sons have inheritance. Sons have authority.

2. You Have Authority Over All the Power of the Enemy (Luke 10:19)
Not some powerâ??all power. Not just over small demonsâ??over every demon. Nothing shall by any means harm you.

3. No Weapon Fashioned Against You Shall Prosper (Isaiah 54:17)
The enemy may fashion weaponsâ??plans, attacks, schemesâ??but they will not succeed. Not because you are strong, but because the Good Shepherd protects His sheep.

4. You Shall Eat the Good of the Land (Isaiah 1:19)
Not just surviveâ??thrive. Not just get byâ??eat the good of the land. Godâ??s provision is not barely enough; it is abundantly enough.

How to Access the Good Shepherdâ??s Goodness

The Bible reading in Psalm 37 gives the pathway:

1. Trust in the LORD
Trust is not hoping for the best; it is resting in the character of God. He is good. He is faithful. He cannot lie. Trust means you stop looking at the devilâ??s counterfeits and start looking at the Shepherdâ??s provision.

2. Delight Yourself in the LORD
Delight means joy, pleasure, satisfaction. When you find your joy in God, you stop needing the devilâ??s cheap pleasures. And when you delight in Him, He gives you the desires of your heartâ??not because you earned them, but because your desires have been shaped by His presence.

3. Commit Your Way to Him
Commit means roll your burden onto Him. Stop carrying the weight of your own success, your own provision, your own protection. Give it to Him. He knows what to do.

4. Rest in the LORD
Rest means stop striving. Stop envying the wicked who prosper. Stop trying to compete with the devilâ??s counterfeits. Rest means you trust that Godâ??s timing is better and Godâ??s gifts are safer.

5. Wait Patiently
Waiting is not passive; it is active trust. It is saying, â??I will not run ahead of God. I will not grab the devilâ??s counterfeit because I am impatient. I will wait for the Good Shepherd to give me what is truly good.â?•

The Tragedy of the Man on the Plane

The man who died on the plane is a warning to every believer who is tempted by the devilâ??s shortcuts.

- He had been delivered. He had vomited the charm. He was free.
- But he went back because he wanted wealth more than he wanted life.
- He thought he was being clever by moving to London.
- But the devilâ??s curse followed him because the devilâ??s gifts are not location-specific.

The tragedy is not that he diedâ??everyone dies. The tragedy is that he died after tasting freedom and rejecting it. He chose the devilâ??s poison over the Shepherdâ??s provision.

Conclusion: Do You Depend Only on the Good Shepherd?

The devotional asks a searching question: **â??Do you depend only on the Good Shepherd?â?•**

- Not on the Good Shepherd and your own cleverness.
- Not on the Good Shepherd and the devilâ??s shortcuts.
- Not on the Good Shepherd and worldly wisdom.
- **Only on the Good Shepherd.**

Those who depend on Him are like Mount Zionâ??unshakable. The storms may come, the earth may shake, but they stand firm. Not because they are strong, but because they are standing on the Rock.

Do not envy the man who prospers through wickedness. His prosperity is temporary. His wealth is poisoned. His success is a death sentence.

Instead, trust, delight, commit, rest, and wait. The Good Shepherd has good gifts for youâ??gifts that will not kill you, gifts that will not curse you, gifts that will not steal your soul.

Pray this:
â??Father, I thank You that You are the Good Shepherd and every gift from You is good. Forgive me for the times I have been tempted by the devilâ??s counterfeitsâ??his promises of wealth, success, or pleasure without considering the hidden cost. I renounce every shortcut. I renounce every deal with the enemy. I depend only on You. I trust You for provision, for protection, for prosperity. I will not envy the wicked. I will wait patiently for Your good gifts. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Examine your desires:** What are you tempted to get through shortcutsâ??wealth, success, a relationship, a breakthrough? Write it down.
- **Renounce every deal:** If you have made any agreementâ??even a small oneâ??with the enemyâ??s system, renounce it today. Pray, â??I break every covenant with the devilâ??s prosperity.â?•
- **Test your source:** When a blessing comes, ask: Did this come through righteous means? Does it bring peace or anxiety? Is there any hidden curse?

- **Practice delighting in God:** This week, set aside time not to ask for anythingâ??just to delight in God. Worship Him for who He is, not for what He gives.
- **Wait patiently:** Identify one area where you have been tempted to grab the devilâ??s counterfeit because you are impatient. Commit to waiting on Godâ??s timing, no matter how long it takes.

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