



Open Heaven 9 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 9 December 2025 devotional for today is **OBEDIENCE AND GOD’S SUPPORT**.

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TOPIC: OBEDIENCE AND GOD’S SUPPORT

MEMORISE:

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying,
My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:10

READ: Psalms 35:27-28

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually,
Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

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Years ago, a vice-principal in a girls’ college in Benin, Southern Nigeria, decreed that anybody who mentioned the name of Jesus in the school would be dealt with.

During that period, some of the girls in the college became born again after a university graduate undergoing the mandatory one-year National Youth Service Corps programme in the city preached to them. Because their vice-principal had said that nobody must mention the name of Jesus in the school, the girls always met secretly to pray and study the Bible.

One day, while having a Bible study session at night on the school field, the vice-principal walked in on them. He promised to expel them during the school assembly the next day because they had disobeyed his decree, and when he got home, he told his wife everything that had happened.

Meanwhile, the girls ran to the Youth Corp member and told him what had happened. He turned to God and said, "Lord, if anyone is going to be punished, let it be me. Please, don't let them be expelled."

The following morning, the students and teachers of the school gathered for the school assembly session as usual. The girls were trembling as they waited for the vice-principal to come to the assembly ground and announce their expulsion from the college. The vice-principal's wife was also expecting that he would soon march to the assembly ground to expel the girls. When she looked at the time and saw that he was running late, she decided to knock on the door of his bedroom to wake him up so he could go for the assembly session before it ended. She knocked repeatedly, but he didn't answer "God had taken his life overnight.

When a fellow decides to oppose God's agenda, he or she might be crushed because God always goes out of His way to support His righteous cause. It is a dangerous thing to stand against what God supports because He is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). He will consume anything and anyone who opposes His counsel.

Ephesians 1:11 says:

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Beloved, the easiest way to get God's support and to continue enjoying it is to walk in obedience to His will at all times. Ensure that you align yourself with His agenda so that you will not find yourself face-to-face with His wrath.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to obey You and align with Your will at all times, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Ephesians 4-6

HYMN 27: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Isaiah 46:10

â??Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.â?•

This verse is a declaration of Godâ??s sovereign, unstoppable will. He is the Alpha and Omega who not only foreknows but foreordains. His counselâ??His agenda, purpose, and planâ??is immutable. To align with it is to find ultimate security; to oppose it is to invite ultimate futility and danger.

BIBLE READING: Psalms 35:27-28

This passage captures the heart cry of the righteous under opposition and Godâ??s supportive response:

v.27: *â??Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.â?•* God takes pleasure in vindicating and prospering those on His side.

v.28: *â??And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.â?•* The proper response to Godâ??s vindication is unceasing praise and testimony.

The Sovereignty of Godâ??s Support

Pastor E.A. Adeboye shares a powerful historical testimony to illustrate a foundational spiritual law: **God jealously and decisively supports His righteous cause and consumes all who stand in its way.** The devotional moves from a gripping narrative to the eternal principle that our safety and success are found only in wholehearted alignment with Godâ??s agenda.

1. The Irresistible Nature of Godâ??s Agenda

Godâ??s Counsel Shall Stand (Isaiah 46:10):

Human decrees, no matter how authoritative, are null and void when they contradict divine decree. The vice-principalâ??s edict against Jesusâ?? name was a direct assault on Godâ??s commanded worship (Acts 4:12, Philippians 2:10-11). Godâ??s agenda to save and gather those girls into His name was an unstoppable force.

The Consuming Fire (Hebrews 12:29):

The sudden death of the vice-principal is a sobering manifestation of God as a *consuming fire*. This is not merely a metaphor for purification but a reality of His holy justice against deliberate, high-handed opposition to His known will. He consumes the opposition to protect His righteous cause.

2. The Profile of God's Righteous Cause

The Cause of Salvation and Worship:

The girls meeting to pray and study the Bible represented the very core of God's heart—people seeking Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23). Opposing this is opposing the Great Commission and the First Commandment.

The Cause of the Vulnerable and Obedient:

The girls were vulnerable students; the Corps member was an intercessor standing in the gap. God arose as their defender (Psalm 68:5). His support is powerfully mobilized for the faithful who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (Matthew 5:10-12).

The Power of Selfless Intercession:

The Corps member's prayer—*let it be me*—echoed Christ's substitutionary heart. This kind of prayer, which prioritizes the protection of God's work over personal safety, triggers swift divine intervention. It aligns the intercessor perfectly with God's protective agenda.

3. The Peril of Opposing Divine Counsel

The Futility of Human Opposition:

The vice-principal represents any system, authority, or individual that sets itself against the knowledge and worship of God (2 Corinthians 10:5). Such opposition may seem powerful temporarily but is fundamentally fragile before the *counsel of His own will* (Ephesians 1:11).

The Unawareness of the Opponent:

The man went to bed with a plan, unaware he was on a divine collision course. This mirrors Pharaoh, Herod, and the opponents of the early church. Those who oppose God often do so with arrogant confidence, blind to their impending confrontation with sovereignty.

The Certainty of Divine Intervention:

God *goes out of His way* to support His cause. This means He will intervene in unexpected, sudden, and sometimes severe ways to remove obstacles. His methods are His prerogative, but His commitment to His purpose is unwavering.

4. The Pathway to Secured Divine Support

Alignment Through Obedience:

The easiest way to get God's support is to walk in obedience to His will at all times. This is the central application. Support is not earned by negotiation but secured by synchronization. Your life must be in agreement with His Word and His revealed purpose.

Active Advocacy for His Cause:

Divine support is not passive. It involves actively *favouring [God's] righteous cause* (Psalm 35:27). This means boldly identifying with the gospel, standing for biblical truth, and protecting the vulnerable believers, even at personal cost.

Constant Posture of Praise:

The supported life is a thankful life. As Psalm 35:28 concludes, the mouth of the vindicated is filled with praise *“all the day long.”*• Testimony and worship are the natural outputs of a life undergirded by God’s mighty hand.

How to Ensure You Are Aligned, Not Opposed

1. Audit Your Loyalties:

Ask: Are any of my beliefs, habits, or alliances in conflict with a clear command or principle of Scripture? Do I, in any way, silence the name of Jesus in my sphere to avoid trouble?

2. Champion God’s Righteous Cause:

Identify where the gospel, biblical ethics, or the fellowship of believers is under pressure in your environment. Pray fervently and take a courageous, wise stand in support.

3. Cultivate a Heart of Intercession:

Like the Corps member, pray substitutionary prayers for God’s people and work. Be willing to bear the cost for the advancement of His kingdom.

4. Walk in the Fear of the Lord:

This is not a cowering fear, but a profound reverence for His holiness and sovereignty that makes you tremble at the thought of being on the wrong side of His will (Isaiah 66:2).

Warning: The Fatal Error of Presuming Against God

The vice-principal’s story is a stark warning against using human authority to fight God. It echoes the words of Gamaliel: *“if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.”* (Acts 5:39). To oppose a genuine move of God is to sign your own spiritual and potentially physical death warrant.

Conclusion: Sheltered in His Sovereign Will

Pray this:

“Sovereign Lord, God of all counsel, I align myself completely with Your will and Your righteous cause. Forgive me for any way I have passively or actively opposed Your agenda. Let my life be a source of support for Your kingdom, and shelter me under the banner of Your purpose. May I never be found fighting against You, but always standing with You, in Jesus’ name.”•

Action Steps:

- **Study Divine Vindication:** Read Acts 12:20-24 (Herod’s death) and Daniel 6. Note the pattern of God’s defense of His faithful and His judgment on arrogant opposers.
- **Identify a Righteous Cause:** Choose one specific area in your community or church where the gospel is marginalized. Commit to supporting it through prayer and tangible action this month.
- **Pray for Authorities:** Regularly pray for those in authority over you (1 Timothy 2:1-2), that God would turn their hearts or restrain their hands from opposing His will.

Remember: You are either for Him or against Him (Matthew 12:30). There is no neutral ground. To be under the consuming fire of His wrath is a terror; to be under the consuming fire of His presence and support is the greatest security imaginable.

• (Romans 8:31). This promise is only true for those who are unequivocally *with* Him.

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