



Open Heaven 20 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 20 December 2025 devotional for today is **IT IS SETTLED**.

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TOPIC: IT IS SETTLED

MEMORISE:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Colossians 3:16

READ: Psalms 33:8-9:

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 20 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Whenever God speaks, whatever He says is final (Psalm 119:89). Isaiah 55:10-11 makes it clear that when God sends His word on an errand, it will not return to Him until it has finished its assignment. This means that if God sends His word to a fellow and that fellow refuses to accept it, that word will go to someone else because God's word can not, and will not, return to Him without accomplishing what it

has been sent to do.

Now, if this same word dwells in your heart, you can use it to accomplish great and mighty things to the glory of God. You can tell sicknesses to disappear from your life and the lives of others, and they will disappear. You can command poverty to leave, and it will leave.

To settle negative issues with God's word, however, you must allow His word to settle fully in your heart. When something settles somewhere, it has found a conducive resting place there. When Noah sent out a dove after the flood, the Bible says that the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to the ark (Genesis 8:9). Until you make room for God's word in your heart, it cannot settle in you. God's word will settle difficult situations in your life and the lives of others if you let it dwell richly in your heart.

People are often called rich because they have lots of money. Those who have only a few thousands in their bank accounts cannot claim to be rich. Similarly, you cannot claim to be rich in God's word when you know only a few verses in the Bible. You must immerse yourself in God's word and allow it to fill every part of your being by reading and studying it daily.

Never be satisfied with yesterday's revelation; seek to know God's word anew daily. His word will dwell richly in you as you meditate on it.

When a cook wants a lump of meat to fully absorb some seasonings, he or she will soak the meat in the seasonings for hours to marinate it before cooking. This is what meditation does; it marinates your heart in God's word and makes you rich in it.

Beloved, let God's word dwell richly in you and honour it at all times by obeying it completely.

This way, whenever you speak it into any situation, God will surely back it up.

KEY POINT

You will accomplish great things with God's word when you allow His word to dwell richly in you.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Hebrews 11-13

HYMN 21: STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

This apostolic command reveals the word of God not as a static text, but as a dynamic, inhabiting reality. To *“dwell richly”* means to take up ample, luxurious residence, permeating every aspect of the inner man. The result is not private bliss, but corporate wisdom, edification, and worship that overflows to others.

BIBLE READING: Psalms 33:8-9

This psalm declares the creative and sovereign power of God’s spoken word:

v.8: *Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.* The proper response to His word is reverent fear.

v.9: *For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.* This is the foundational nature of God’s word: it is performative. Its very utterance is the cause of its own fulfillment. It creates reality.

The Settled Word and the Settling Word

Pastor E.A. Adeboye masterfully teaches on the dual nature of God’s word: it is an unstoppable force in the world, and it must become a settled resident in the believer. The devotional explains that the word only becomes a tool in our mouths for *“settling”* life’s issues after it has first *“settled”* as the ruling authority in our hearts.

1. The Unstoppable Nature of God’s Spoken Word

Final and Accomplishing (Isaiah 55:10-11):

God’s word is compared to rain and snow that water the earth and accomplish His purpose. It is sent on an *errand* with a *mission*. It cannot be recalled or neutralized. If one person rejects it, it moves to another willing vessel. God’s agenda will be fulfilled; the question is whether we will be the conduit or be bypassed.

The Performative Power (Psalms 33:9):

At the cosmic level, God’s word is creative and causative. *“He spake, and it was done.”* This same inherent power is packaged within the Scriptures. When spoken in faith by a heart where it dwells, it carries the same divine *“DNA”* to create, command, and change circumstances.

2. The Prerequisite: The Word Settled In You

The Dove Principle (Genesis 8:9):

The dove returned to the ark because it *“found no rest for the sole of her foot.”* For the word to *“settle”* in us, our heart must be a prepared, conducive, and welcoming resting place—an ark of safety for truth. A cluttered, hard, or worldly heart offers no rest for the word.

From Visitor to Resident:

Many believers have the word as an occasional visitor (during sermons or crises). God calls it to be a *permanent resident*. A resident has rights, access, and influence that a visitor does not. The word must transition from something you reference to the *governor* of your thoughts, emotions, and decisions.

3. The Wealth of the Word: Spiritual Riches

Beyond Pocket-Change Verses:

Knowing a few memory verses is like having a few dollars—useful, but not wealth. True richness (*“dwell in you richly”*) implies a vast, readily accessible treasury of Scripture. It is comprehensive knowledge that allows the Holy Spirit to bring forth the *“right word in season”* (Proverbs 15:23) for any situation.

The Marination of Meditation:

Meditation is the slow, soaking process that transfers the word from your mind to your spirit. Like marinating meat, it allows the flavor and essence of the Scripture to penetrate every fiber of your being. This is how the word becomes part of you, altering your spiritual composition.

4. The Outcome: The Settling Word Through You

Authority Over Circumstances:

When the word dwells richly, you can speak it with authority into sickness, poverty, and demonic oppression, and it will accomplish its errand. Your mouth becomes the delivery system for God’s unstoppable word. You are not begging God to act; you are releasing what He has already spoken into the situation.

God’s Backing is Guaranteed:

“Whenever you speak it into any situation, God will surely back it up.” Why? Because you are not speaking your opinion; you are re-uttering His already-sent word. You are aligning yourself with His will, and He is honor-bound to confirm His own word (Isaiah 44:26).

How to Let the Word Dwell Richly

1. Prioritize Depth Over Breadth:

Don’t just read chapters to check a box. Choose a portion (a verse, a paragraph) and marinate in it through the day. Ask: What does this say about God? About me? Is there a command to obey, a promise to claim?

2. Create a Conducive “Ark”:

Purify your heart through repentance. Remove the clutter of excessive media, worldly anxieties, and sin to make ample, clean room for the word to rest and rule.

3. Obedience is the Proof of Settlement:

A settled word produces immediate obedience. If you read *“do not worry”* but continue in anxiety, the word is a visitor. Let obedience be the act of nailing the word to the doorpost of your heart, declaring it the owner.

4. Speak it Systematically:

Don't wait for a crisis. Develop the habit of speaking Scripture aloud in your prayers, declarations, and conversations. This reinforces its residence and exercises your spiritual authority.

Warning: The Futility of an Unsettled Word

A word that is known but not settled is like the dove over the waters—it has no place to land and produce life. Such a believer may be able to quote Scripture but remains powerless against life's storms. They try to use the word as a magic formula in crisis, but it lacks the settled authority that comes from rich indwelling, and thus often seems ineffective.

Conclusion: Becoming a Living Ark of the Word

Pray this:

Lord Jesus, You are the Living Word. I invite Your word to come and settle richly in my heart. Forgive me for treating it as a visitor. Marinate my spirit in Your truth through meditation. Make my heart a resting place for Your voice, so that I may speak with Your authority and see Your promises stand fast in my life and in the lives of others, for Your glory. Amen.

Action Steps:

- **Launch a Marination Project:** Choose one chapter (e.g., Psalm 91, Ephesians 1). Read it daily for two weeks. Each day, write down one fresh insight or application. Let it sink deep.
- **Audit Your Spiritual Wealth:** List the top 5 life situations you currently face. Now, list 5 specific scriptures that address each. If you struggle, you've identified an area for wealth-building.
- **Practice the Settling Prayer:** When you read a potent promise or command, pray: Lord, settle this word in my heart. Let it find rest here and produce its full fruit.

Remember: The same word that created the universe lives in you. Its power is not diminished, only contained by the limits of its dwelling place. Enlarge that place. Let it dwell *richly*. Then, you will speak, and it will be done.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isaiah 55:11). Let it be sent from His mouth to your heart, and from your heart to a waiting world.

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