

Open Heavens 12 May 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 12 May 2026 devotional for today is **THE NAME OF JESUS.**

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OPEN HEAVENS 12 MAY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE NAME OF JESUS

MEMORISE

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
Acts 4:12

READ: Philippians 2:9-11

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 12 MAY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Many years ago, my driver and I were travelling from Ibadan to llorin, a city in the North-Central region of Nigeria. There was a narrow bridge along the way, and only one vehicle could drive on it at a time.

Therefore, drivers had to wait for any vehicles that were coming from the opposite direction of the bridge to pass through before they could get on the bridge. When we reached the foot of the bridge, we observed that no vehicle was coming from the opposite direction; therefore, we got on the bridge and began to drive to the other side.

When we were halfway across the bridge, we suddenly saw that a truck was coming from the opposite direction at top speed. We had only two choices: we could either collide with the oncoming truck or swerve and plunge into the river under the bridge. There was no time to pray, but there was enough time to shout the name of Jesus. We eventually met the truck in the middle of the bridge, and somehow, we passed beside it and drove safely to the other side.

My driver was so shaken that he immediately parked the car when we crossed over. When he regained his composure, he turned to me and asked what had just happened, and I told him that God enlarged the bridge for us.

The name of Jesus is powerful; it guarantees deliverance (Mark 16:17), freedom (John 836), promotion (John 12:32), rest (Matt 11:28-30), satisfaction (John 7:37-39), answers to prayer (John 14:14), and victory (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Philippians 2:9 also tells us that His name is above every name. This means that everything that has a name is subject to the name of Jesus. If there is any ailment that has been plaguing you, as long as it has a name, it is inferior to the name of Jesus because at His name, every knee bows (Philippians 2:10).

Beloved, Jesus has given you the authority to use His name (John 16:23-24). This means that you have the ability to control situations and align them to Godâ??s will for your life. Never despair when you are faced with negative situations; instead, proclaim the name of Jesus boldly, and you will surely emerge victorious.

I pray that the power in the name of Jesus will destroy every plan of the devil concerning you and your household.

Henceforth, you will walk in victory at all times, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

The name of Jesus is superior to every other name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Chronicles 17-20

Open Heavens HYMN 1: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUSâ?? NAME

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 12 MAY 2026 COMMENTARY

Here is the detailed commentary and interpretation for todayâ??s devotional.

MEMORISE: Acts 4:12

â??Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.â?•

This verse makes an exclusive claim that offends the modern world: there is only one name that saves. Not many names. Not any name. One name. The name of Jesus Christ is not just a powerful name among manyâ??it is the only name that carries the authority to forgive sins, redeem souls, and reconcile humanity to God. Peter spoke these words after healing a lame man, and he was willing to die for this declaration.

BIBLE READING: Philippians 2:9-11

â??Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.â?•

This passage describes the exaltation of Jesus after His humiliation on the cross. Because He humbled Himself to deathâ??even death on a crossâ??God the Father raised Him to the highest place and bestowed on Him the name above every name. The scope of this authority is total: heaven, earth, and under the earth (the realm of the dead). Every knee will bowâ??whether willingly now or forcibly later. This passage teaches that **the name of Jesus carries absolute, universal, and eternal authority.**

The Name That Enlarged a Bridge

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** continues his series on longevity and finishing well. He has covered hiding, fighting, running, refueling, rest, avoiding the devilâ??s traps, and enduring persecution. Today he reveals another secret: **the power in the name of Jesus.** His personal testimony is a dramatic illustration of what happens when a believer uses that name in a moment of crisis.

The Narrow Bridge and the Speeding Truck

The devotional opens with a vivid testimony from Daddy Adeboyeâ??s travels. He and his driver were traveling from Ibadan to Ilorin. Along the way, there was a narrow bridgeâ??so narrow that only one vehicle could be on it at a time. Drivers had to wait for oncoming traffic to clear before crossing.

When they reached the bridge, no vehicle was coming from the opposite direction, so they began to cross. Halfway across, a truck appeared from the opposite directionâ??speeding toward them at top speed.

They had two choices: collide with the truck or swerve and plunge into the river below. There was no time to pray a long prayer. There was no time to call a prayer meeting. But there was enough time to shout the name of Jesus.

They met the truck in the middle of the bridge. Somehowâ??impossiblyâ??they passed beside it and drove safely to the other side.

The driver was so shaken that he parked the car immediately. When he regained his composure, he turned to Daddy Adeboye and asked, â??What just happened?â?•

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s answer: **â??God enlarged the bridge for us.â?•**

That is what the name of Jesus does. When there is no room, He makes room. When there is no way, He makes a way. When the enemy is speeding toward you with destruction, that name clears the path.

What the Name of Jesus Guarantees

The devotional lists several things that the name of Jesus guarantees for believers:

1. Deliverance (Mark 16:17)
Jesus said, â??In my name shall they cast out devils.â?• Every demon, every unclean spirit, every force of darkness must submit to the name of Jesus. You do not need to fear themâ??you need to use His name against them.

2. Freedom (John 8:36)
â??If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.â?• The name of Jesus breaks every chainâ??addiction, bondage, oppression, generational curses. What no therapy, medication, or effort could do, His name accomplishes instantly.

3. Promotion (John 12:32)
â??And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.â?• When you exalt the name of Jesus, He exalts you. Promotion comes from His name.

4. Rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
â??Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.â?• The name of Jesus calms anxious hearts, quiets troubled minds, and brings peace that surpasses understanding.

5. Satisfaction (John 7:37-39)
â??If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.â?• The name of Jesus satisfies the deepest longings of the human soulâ??for purpose, for love, for meaning.

6. Answers to Prayer (John 14:14)
â??If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.â?• Not some thingsâ??anything. The name of Jesus opens heavenâ??s storehouse.

7. Victory (1 Corinthians 15:57)
â??Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.â?• Not just victory sometimesâ??victory at all times. His name guarantees the win.

The Name Above Every Name

Philippians 2:9 declares that God gave Jesus **â??a name which is above every name.â?•**

What does this mean? It means that everything that has a name is subject to the name of Jesus.

- Every sickness has a nameâ??malaria, cancer, diabetes, hypertension. That name must bow to the name of Jesus.
- Every demon has a nameâ??spirit of fear, spirit of infirmity, marine spirit. That name must bow to the name of Jesus.
- Every problem has a nameâ??poverty, barrenness, marital failure, business collapse. That name must bow to the name of Jesus.
- Every person has a nameâ??the one who opposes you, the one who persecutes you, the one who stands in your way. That name must bow to the name of Jesus.

â??At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow.â?• Not some knees. Not most knees. Every kneeâ??in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. The devil himself will bow to that name.

You Have Authority to Use His Name

The devotional makes a crucial point: Jesus has given you the authority to use His name. John 16:23-24 records His words: **â??Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.â?•**

When you speak in the name of Jesus, you are not just saying a magic word. You are exercising the authority that Jesus Himself has given you. It is like a police officer saying, â??Stop in the name of the law.â?• The officer does not have personal powerâ??but the law backs his words. Your personal power is insufficient, but the name of Jesus backs your words.

Never despair when faced with negative situations. Instead, proclaim the name of Jesus boldly, and you will surely emerge victorious.

How to Use the Name of Jesus

1. Speak It Boldly
The disciples in Acts 4 prayed for boldness to speak Godâ??s word, and the place was shaken. Do not whisper the name of Jesus as if you are ashamed of it. Speak it boldly. The enemy knows that name, and he trembles at it.

2. Speak It Immediately
In the testimony, there was no time to pray a long prayerâ??but there was time to shout the name of Jesus. When crisis strikes, do not wait. Do not hesitate. Shout His name. It is the fastest prayer you can pray, and it carries infinite power.

3. Speak It in Faith
The name of Jesus is not a magic formula. It works when spoken in faith. If you doubt, you neutralize its power. But if you believe that Jesus is who He said He is and that He has given you authority to use His name, then your words carry heavenâ??s weight.

4. Speak It Over Everything
Do not limit the use of His name to church services or prayer meetings. Use it over your family, your finances, your health, your business, your children. Use it when you wake up and when you go to bed. Use it in traffic and in boardrooms. The name of Jesus belongs in every area of your life.

The Name That Destroys the Devilâ??s Plans

The devotional concludes with a prayer: **â??I pray that the power in the name of Jesus will destroy every plan of the devil concerning you and your household.â?•**

The devil makes plans. He strategizes. He schemes. He sets traps. But the name of Jesus destroys those plans. Not delays themâ??destroys them. Not weakens themâ??destroys them.

When you speak that name, the enemyâ??s plans crumble. The bridge enlarges. The truck misses you. The way opens.

Conclusion: The Name Is Your Weapon

You do not need to face lifeâ??s battles in your own strength. You have been given a name that is above every name. Use it.

- Sickness? In the name of Jesus, be healed.
- Fear? In the name of Jesus, be gone.
- Poverty? In the name of Jesus, be broken.
- Marriage trouble? In the name of Jesus, be restored.
- Enemy attack? In the name of Jesus, be scattered.

The name of Jesus is your victory. Speak it. Believe it. Walk in it.

Pray this:
â??Father, I thank You for the name of Jesusâ??the name above every name. I thank You that every knee must bow to that name, including every problem, every sickness, every demon, and every enemy. I receive the authority to use that name. I will not face my battles in my own strength. I will proclaim the name of Jesus boldly. Today, I speak that name over every negative situation in my life. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Practice speaking the name of Jesus aloud:** Start today. Say it over your morning, your family, your work, your health. Make it a habit.
- **Identify a â??narrow bridgeâ?• situation:** What area of your life feels like there is no room, no way out? Begin to speak the name of Jesus over that situation daily.
- **Memorize Philippians 2:9-11:** Write it down and keep it visible. Let it remind you that every knee will bow to that name.
- **Use His name immediately in crisis:** Do not wait for a long prayer time. Shout His name. It is the fastest and most powerful prayer you can pray.
- **Destroy the devilâ??s plans through declaration:** Each morning, declare: â??I destroy every plan of the devil concerning me and my household in the name of Jesus.â?•

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