

Open Heavens 27 April 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 27 April 2026 devotional for today is ATTRACTING GODâ??S HELP III.

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TOPIC: ATTRACTING GODâ??S HELP III

MEMORISE
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
James 4:10

READ: Psalm 10:17-18
17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 27 APRIL 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will conclude the teaching I started two days ago by discussing humility as another way of attracting Godâ??s help. Todayâ??s Bible reading makes us understand that God listens to the desires of the humble and delivers them from every form of oppression. This area of your life, you must be in a state of total surrender to Him. Romans 12:1 says,

â??I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.â?•

When you present your body as a living sacrifice to God, it means that you have surrendered completely to Him, and He now has total control over your life.

In 2 Kings 5:11-12.Naaman was about to lose his miracle because of pride. He felt that a man of his social and financial status should be treated in a special way. If not for the fact that his servants advised him to obey the prophet of the Lord by dipping himself in River Jordan seven times, he probably would have died as a leper.

Child of God, whenever you come before your heavenly Father, do not consider whatever wealth or achievements you might have. Rather, you should always approach the Almighty God in total surrender so you can receive His help. I have walked with God for some decades now, and one of the things I can say about Him is that He hates pride. In fact, He said in James 4:6 that He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. This tells us that God is always quick to help the humble.

Davidâ??s humility made him enjoy Godâ??s help countless times in his lifetime. He never argued with God; rather, he saw himself as a mere work of creation before Him (Psalm 8:4). As a result, God continued to help him until he died at a good old age, full of riches and honour (1 Chronicles 29:28).

Beloved, if you want God to arise for your help, you must surrender your life totally to Him. You must acknowledge Him as the Owner and Controller of your life, and when you go before Him in prayers, you must totally disregard your social or financial status. With utmost humility in your heart, make your requests known to God, and I can assure you that He will arise and help you, even beyond your wildest imagination.

KEY POINT:

Pride is a major hindrance to attracting Godâ??s help.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Kings 24-25

Open Heavens HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

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MEMORISE: James 4:10

â??Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.â?•
This verse contains one of the most direct promises in Scripture. It links humility with elevation. But

notice the order: first humbling, then lifting. Not the other way around. We donâ??t get lifted so we can be humbleâ??we humble ourselves, and God does the lifting. The humbling is our part; the lifting is His. And the promise is certain: when we humble ourselves, He **shall** lift us up. Not maybe, not sometimesâ??shall.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 10:17-18

â??LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.â?•
This passage reveals Godâ??s special attention to the humble. It says He hears their desiresâ??not just their words, but the deepest longings of their hearts. He prepares their hearts, making them ready to receive. He causes His ear to hear them, giving them His full attention. And He acts on their behalf, judging those who oppress them. The humble are not overlooked; they are the focus of Godâ??s delivering power.

The Humility That Attracts Divine Help

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** concludes his series on attracting Godâ??s help with the most important quality of all: **humility.** Without humility, your cries for help may go unanswered. Without humility, your service may go unrewarded. But when you humble yourself before God, you position yourself for His lifting power.

What Humility Really Means

The devotional defines humility not as thinking less of yourself, but as **total surrender to God.** Itâ??s presenting your body as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)â??holy, acceptable, completely available to God. Itâ??s acknowledging that He is the Owner and Controller of your life, not you.

This kind of humility means:

- You donâ??t argue with Godâ??s instructions
- You donâ??t insist on your own way
- You donâ??t bring your status or achievements before Him as bargaining chips
- You come empty-handed, desperate, dependent

Naaman: The Miracle Almost Lost to Pride

The story of Naaman is a powerful warning about what pride can cost you. Naaman was a great manâ??commander of the Syrian army, wealthy, respected, victorious. But he was a leper. When he came to Elisha for healing, he expected special treatment. He expected the prophet to come out, wave his hand over the leprosy, and call on God dramatically.

Instead, Elisha sent a messenger with a simple instruction: â??Go and wash in Jordan seven times.â?•

Naaman was furious. He said, â??Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.â?• He expected a performance. He expected recognition of his status. Instead, he got a command to dip in a muddy river.

His pride almost cost him his miracle. He turned away in rage, ready to go back home still leprous. But his servantsâ??bless themâ??approached him humbly and said, â??My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?â?•

Naaman listened. He humbled himself, went down to the Jordan, dipped seven times, and came out with skin like that of a little child.

The lesson is clear: **pride blocks miracles; humility opens the door.**

Godâ??s War on Pride

Daddy Adeboye states plainly: â??He hates pride.â?• This is not an overstatement. Scripture is filled with Godâ??s opposition to the proud:

- Proverbs 6:16-17 lists â??a proud lookâ?• as the first of seven things God hates
- Proverbs 16:5 says, â??Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORDâ?•
- James 4:6 declares, â??God resisteth the proudâ?•
- 1 Peter 5:5 repeats, â??God resisteth the proudâ?•

The word â??resistethâ?• is strongâ??it means God sets Himself in opposition to the proud. He actively works against them. If you are proud, you are not just missing out on Godâ??s helpâ??you are facing His resistance.

But to the humble, He gives grace. He gives help. He gives favour.

David: A Model of Humility

The devotional points to David as an example of someone who enjoyed Godâ??s help throughout his life because of his humility. Despite being a king, a warrior, a psalmist, David never forgot his place before God.

In Psalm 8:4, he wrote: â??What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?â?• He saw himself as a mere work of creation, amazed that the Creator would pay attention to him.

When the ark of God was brought to Jerusalem, David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a linen ephodâ??not his royal robes. When his wife Michal despised him for it, he replied, â??It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy fatherâ?¦ Therefore will I play before the LORD, and I will yet be more vile than thusâ?• (2 Samuel 6:21-22). He was willing to be even more undignified in his worship.

Because of this humility, God helped David continually. He died at a good old age, full of riches and honour. His humility opened the door for a lifetime of divine assistance.

How to Practice Humility Before God

1. Present Your Body as a Living Sacrifice
Romans 12:1 calls this your â??reasonable service.â?• It means giving God complete control over your lifeâ??your time, your resources, your plans, your relationships, your future. You are no longer the owner; you are the steward.

2. Come Empty-Handed Before Him
When you pray, donâ??t bring your resume. Donâ??t remind God of your achievements, your status, your wealth. Come as a beggar in need of bread. The ground is level at the cross.

3. Obey Without Arguing
Naaman almost lost his miracle because he argued with Godâ??s instructions. When God tells you to do somethingâ??even if it seems beneath you, even if it doesnâ??t make senseâ??obey. Humility says, â??Your word is final.â?•

4. Accept Lowly Positions
Jesus washed feet. David danced in an ephod. The greatest in the kingdom are the servants of all. Donâ??t be too important to serve, to clean, to help, to be unnoticed.

5. Welcome Correction
The humble person can receive rebuke. Naamanâ??s servants corrected him, and he listened. When someone speaks truth to youâ??even if they are beneath you sociallyâ??receive it. It may save your miracle.

What Pride Costs You

The devotional implies several costs of pride:

- **Lost miracles:** Like Naaman almost experienced
- **Godâ??s resistance:** Active opposition from heaven
- **Unanswered prayers:** God hears the humble, but the proud He knows afar off
- **Stolen blessing:** What should have been yours goes to someone more humble

What Humility Gains You

Conversely, humility brings:

- **Godâ??s attention:** He hears the desire of the humble
- **Godâ??s help:** He is quick to help the humble
- **Godâ??s lifting:** He raises the humble in due time
- **Sustained blessing:** Like David, you can end your life full of honour

The Surrender That Attracts Help

The devotional emphasizes that humility is not just an attitudeâ??itâ??s an action. Itâ??s presenting your body as a living sacrifice. Itâ??s total surrender. Itâ??s saying to God, â??I am Yours completely. Do with me as You please.â?•

This kind of surrender is what attracts Godâ??s help because it removes the biggest obstacle to His work: **you.** When you stop trying to control things, God can take control. When you stop leaning on your own understanding, He can direct your paths. When you stop trusting in your status, He can fight your battles.

Conclusion: Humble Yourself and Be Lifted

The promise is clear: humble yourself, and He shall lift you up. Not in your timing, but in His. Not in your way, but in His. But the lifting is certain.

- Naaman humbled himself and was lifted from leprosy to health.
- David humbled himself and was lifted from shepherd to king.
- You humble yourself, and God will lift you from your situation to His solution.

Donâ??t let pride rob you of your miracle. Donâ??t let your status keep you from your blessing. Lay it all down. Come empty. Come humbly. Come surrendered. And watch what God does.

Pray this:
â??Father, I come before You in humility. I lay down my status, my achievements, my pride. I present my body as a living sacrifice to You. I surrender completelyâ??my life, my family, my future, my all. I donâ??t come with demands; I come with empty hands. Lift me up, Lord, in Your time and Your way. I receive Your grace. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Examine your pride:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas where pride is operatingâ??in your prayers, your service, your relationships. Confess them.
- **Practice humility this week:** Find a task that is beneath you and do it cheerfully. Serve someone who cannot repay you. Accept a correction without defensiveness.
- **Come empty to prayer:** Before you pray this week, pause and remind yourself that you are coming before the Creator of the universe. Lay aside your titles and achievements.
- **Memorize James 4:10:** Write it down, put it where youâ??ll see it, and declare it daily: â??Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.â?•

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