

Open Heavens 2 May 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 2 May 2026 devotional for today is THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD II.

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TOPIC: THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD II

MEMORISE

And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:
Deuteronomy 26:8

BIBLE TEXT: Joshua 4:1-3, 21-24

1 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying,
2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,
3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priestsâ?? feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?
22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.
23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 2 MAY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

When Godâ??s mighty hand works in favour of a fellow, family, or nation, it always leads to great blessings and favour. His mighty hand also brings total deliverance to captives and freedom to the oppressed.

In Exodus 3:12, God told Moses that Pharaoh would not release the Israelites unless a mighty hand forces him. So, when Godâ??s mighty hand was revealed, the children of Israel experienced preservation, protection, light, and provision. Egypt, on the other hand, became a shadow of itself. This shows that while Godâ??s mighty hand works for His people, it works against any force that dares to position itself against the Lord or His people.

..Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became liceâ?¦ And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could notâ?¦Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of Godâ?¦ Exodus 8:17-19

In the Scripture above, the magicians in Egypt, who had earlier replicated the same wonders as Moses, acknowledged that the finger of God was truly at work in his life because they could no longer perform the wonders that God was doing through him.

Despite this, Pharaoh stubbornly refused to back down from his decision not to let the Israelites go. That was until Godâ??s mighty hand descended upon him and his people. I pray that anyone who stubbornly opposes you will be visited by the mighty hand of God, in Jesusâ?? name.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, when the Israelites crossed River Jordan, Godâ??s mighty hand was at work. After they had crossed over, Joshua declared that indeed, God made a way through River Jordan and brought them to the other side on dry land to show all the people of the earth that His hand is mighty (Joshua 4:24).

Godâ??s mighty hand makes a way for people where there seems to be no way. If you are indeed a child of God, rejoice because His mighty hand will ensure that all things work together for your good (Romans 8:28).

However, if you are not a child of God or if you profess to be a Christian but are still living in sin, I beseech you to repent today so that you will not face the fury of the mighty hand of God. May Godâ??s mighty hand bring you victory upon victory and shield you from the enemyâ??s attacks, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

Godâ??s mighty hand works for the good of those who love him and against those who oppose him.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Chronicles 10-12

Open Heavens HYMN 50: CONQUERORS AND OVERCOMERS NOW ARE WE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 2 MAY 2026 COMMENTARY

Here is the detailed commentary and interpretation based on the style and structure you requested.

MEMORISE: Deuteronomy 26:8

â??And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders.â?•
This verse summarizes the greatest deliverance event in the Old Testament. It emphasizes that Israelâ??s freedom was not achieved through negotiation, military strength, or Mosesâ?? eloquence. It was achieved by Godâ??s **mighty hand** and **outstretched arm**â??language describing God personally reaching down into history to pull His people out of the fire. The result was not just freedom but also â??great terriblenessâ?• for their enemies, along with undeniable signs and wonders.

BIBLE READING: Joshua 4:1-3, 21-24

This passage records the memorial of stones at the Jordan River. After the entire nation of Israel crossed the Jordan on dry groundâ??just as they had crossed the Red Seaâ??God commanded Joshua to take twelve stones from the riverbed and set them up as a monument at their campsite. The purpose was clear: when future generations asked what the stones meant, Israel was to tell them how the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant. Joshua declares that this miracle happened so **â??that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty.â?•** The stones were not for decoration; they were a permanent testimony that Godâ??s hand opens pathways where no pathway exists.

The Two Sides of Godâ??s Mighty Hand

In todayâ??s devotional, Daddy Adeboye reveals a crucial truth about the power of God: **the same mighty hand that lifts one person will crush anyone who stubbornly opposes that person.** You cannot separate Godâ??s blessing on His children from His judgment on their enemies. When Godâ??s hand moves, it is always for His people and always against their oppressors.

The Hand That Saves and the Hand That Destroys

The devotional draws a sharp contrast between two nations in Exodus:

- **Israel:** They experienced preservation (their homes were passed over), protection (the angel of death did not touch them), light (while Egypt was in darkness), and provision (they left with the wealth of Egypt).
- **Egypt:** The same mighty hand that blessed Israel turned Egypt into â??a shadow of itself.â?• The nation that had been the superpower of the ancient world was reduced to ruin.

Daddy Adeboye states clearly: â??While Godâ??s mighty hand works for His people, it works against any force that dares to position itself against the Lord or His people.â?•

This is not God being cruel; this is God being just. He cannot bless you without dealing with the things that oppress you. If a lion fights for you, it fights against your attacker. The same hand that parts the Red Sea for you closes it over Pharaohâ??s army.

The Magicians Who Could Not Keep Up

The devotional points to a fascinating moment in Exodus 8. For a while, Pharaohâ??s magicians were able to replicate some of Mosesâ?? miracles. They turned staffs into snakes and water into blood. But when Moses brought forth lice (gnats) from the dust of the earth, the magicians tried and failed.

Their response is striking: **â??This is the finger of God.â?•**

Why? Because the devil has limits. He can imitate, but he cannot create. He can counterfeit, but he cannot originate. When God moves in certain ways, the enemyâ??s agents are forced to admit their defeat. They couldnâ??t produce lice from dust because that required a creative power they did not possess.

Despite this admission, Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let the people go. That stubbornness cost him his army, his firstborn, and eventually his life. **Daddy Adeboye declares: â??I pray that anyone who stubbornly opposes you will be visited by the mighty hand of God.â?•**

The River Jordan: A Memorial of the Mighty Hand

Todayâ??s Bible reading gives us another example of Godâ??s mighty hand at work. The Jordan River was at flood stage when the priests stepped into it. Humanly speaking, it was the worst possible time to cross. But the moment their feet touched the water, the river stopped flowing from upstream. The waters piled up in a heap, and the people crossed on dry ground.

Why did God do this? Joshua 4:24 gives the answer: **â??That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty.â?•**

Notice the purpose. The miracle was not just for Israelâ??s convenience. It was for a witness to the nations. When Godâ??s hand moves in your life, it is not just about solving your problemâ??it is about demonstrating His power to everyone watching.

What the Mighty Hand Does for You

Based on these testimonies, here is what you can expect when Godâ??s mighty hand is on your life:

1. It Makes a Way Where There Is No Way
The Red Sea had no bridge. The Jordan had no boat. But Godâ??s hand turned water into dry land. If you are facing a dead end, Godâ??s hand can open a door where there is only a wall.

2. It Confuses and Defeats Your Enemies
Pharaohâ??s army charged into the Red Sea and drowned. The same water that was a highway for Israel was a grave for Egypt. Your enemy may pursue you, but the hand that protects you will destroy him.

3. It Confounds the Devilâ??s Imitations
The magicians could copy some things, but they could not copy the finger of God. When the real power of God shows up, counterfeit power is exposed and silenced. You donâ??t have to fight the enemyâ??s lies; Godâ??s mighty hand will humiliate them for you.

4. It Becomes a Testimony for Generations
The twelve stones from the Jordan were still there decades later. Parents used them to teach their children about Godâ??s power. When Godâ??s hand moves in your life, your story will not die with you. Your children and grandchildren will hear what God did.

The Warning: Donâ??t Be on the Wrong Side

The devotional ends with a serious warning. If you are a child of God, rejoiceâ??His mighty hand is working for you. But if you are not a child of God, or if you profess to be a Christian but are living in sin, **you will face the fury of the mighty hand of God.**

This is not a threat; it is a reality. The same hand that opens prison doors for Paul can close them on Herod. The same hand that lifts the beggar can cast down the proud king. It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31).

Daddy Adeboye pleads: â??I beseech you to repent today.â?•

How to Position Yourself Under the Mighty Hand

If you want Godâ??s mighty hand working for you and not against you, here is what to do:

1. Be Sure You Are a Child of God
The mighty hand is for His people, not for the world. If you have not given your life to Christ, do it today.

Repent of your sins and receive Him as Lord.

2. Live in Obedience, Not Rebellion
Sin blocks the flow of Godâ??s power. When you live in willful disobedience, you step out from under His covering. The mighty hand becomes heavy on you instead of lifting you.

3. Build Your Memorial
The stones in the Jordan were a reminder. Write down what God has done for you. Keep a journal of testimonies. When doubt comes, look back at the stones. When the enemy attacks, remember the hand that fought for you before.

4. Trust the Hand, Not the Circumstances
The Jordan was at flood stage, but Godâ??s hand stopped it. Your circumstances may look impossible, but Godâ??s hand is longer than your problem. Trust the hand, not the river.

Conclusion: The Hand That Reaches for You

The same hand that devastated Egypt preserved Israel. The same hand that stopped the Jordan brought Israel into the Promised Land. The same hand that held a student in his seat helped him pass his exam.

That hand is not a symbolâ??it is a reality. It is strong enough to crush any enemy and gentle enough to lift any child. It is extended toward you today.

- If you need deliverance, that hand can reach into your prison.
- If you need provision, that hand can open heavenâ??s storehouse.
- If you need protection, that hand can shield you from every arrow.
- If you need a way, that hand can part your Red Sea.

But you must be on the right side. You must be His child. And you must live as His child.

Pray this:
â??Father, I thank You for Your mighty hand that works for me and against my enemies. Forgive me for any sin that has put me on the wrong side of Your power. I surrender my life to You completely. Let Your mighty hand part my Red Sea, stop my Jordan, and silence my accusers. Make me a living testimony that all people may know that Your hand is mighty. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Check your standing:** Are you truly born again, or just religious? If you are unsure, settle it today with a prayer of surrender.
- **Build your memorial:** Find a physical object or a written journal that represents a time Godâ??s hand moved for you. Keep it visible as a reminder.
- **Pray against stubborn opposition:** Name the people or forces that are stubbornly opposing you and ask Godâ??s mighty hand to deal with them.
- **Share your testimony:** Tell someone this week what Godâ??s hand has done in your life. Your story is one of the stones that builds faith in others.

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