

Description

The Open Heaven 15 July 2025 devotional for today is THE FRAGRANCE OF FAVOUR.

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OPEN HEAVEN 15 JULY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE FRAGRANCE OF FAVOUR

MEMORISE:

In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain. Proverbs 16:15

READ: Psalms 44:1-3

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
- 2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
- 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 15 JULY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

In Numbers 6:22-27, God commanded the priests to bless the Israelites and declare that His face will shine upon them. When God's face shines on you, you will receive a fragrance of His favour that will ensure that everywhere you go, people will find themselves showing you favour without knowing why.

In 1976, while I was a young lecturer, I attended a global conference of Applied

Mathematicians in Canada as one of two delegates from Nigeria. At that time, I had only written 12 academic papers. In contrast, the man who gave the opening speech at the conference had published 150 papers! He spoke about the mathematics of the rain – I had never heard anything like that before.

I looked around and asked, "God, what am I doing here?" I was supposed to present my paper the next day, so I prayed to God all night that He should glorify His name in my life during my presentation. I also prayed that the man wouldn't attend my presentation because he was probably going to think to himself, "Who brought this idiot here?"

The time for my presentation came, and behold, the man was sitting right in front of me! However, when I finished presenting my paper, he stood up and began to clap. When everybody saw him clapping, they got up and began to clap too.

My paper was not as special as the other papers that had been presented, but God had put His fragrance of favour on me.

When God puts His favour upon you, things will work effortlessly in your favour. When He put His favour on the Israelites, the Egyptians, who had tormented and tortured them for four hundred and thirty years, gave them everything they asked for.

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. Exodus 12:36

God's favour on a man will make even those who hate him to do everything to bless him. They will not understand why they are going the extra mile to give him all he needs. God's favour on Esther made everyone who looked at her to accept her immediately. It also made the king choose her out of the many other damsels (Esther 2:15-17). When God lifts His countenance upon a fellow, that person becomes attractive to everyone who looks at him or her. I pray that God will lift His countenance upon you, in Jesus' name.

OPEN HEAVEN 15 JULY 2025 KEY POINT

Father, please let the fragrance of Your favour rest on me and my family always, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 1-3

HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 15 JULY 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Proverbs 16:15

"In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain."

This verse poetically captures the transformative power of divine favor—it brings **life**, **refreshment**, **and supernatural opportunities**, just as the latter rain revives parched land.

BIBLE READING: Psalms 44:1-3

"O God... Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand... for they got not the land in possession by their own sword... but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance."

The psalmist acknowledges: Israel's victories came through God's favor, not human effort.

The Supernatural Nature of Divine Favor

Pastor E.A. Adeboye's testimony in Canada illustrates how **God's favor operates beyond human qualifications**. Here's a detailed breakdown:

1. What Divine Favor Looks Like

- **Undeserved Acceptance** (Exodus 12:36):
 - Egyptians hated Israelites yet gave them wealth at their departure.
- Uncommon Recognition (Esther 2:15-17):
 - Esther stood out without manipulation—just God's favor.
- Irrational Favor (Proverbs 16:7):
 - Like Adeboye's academic paper, ordinary efforts yield extraordinary results when God shines on them.

2. How to Attract Divine Favor

Seek God's Face, Not Just His Hand

(Numbers 6:25-26):

- The priestly blessing shows favor flows from **relationship**, not rituals.
- Pray for God's Glory, Not Self-Promotion:
 - Adeboye prayed, "Glorify Your name in my life"—not "Make me look smart."
- Walk in Obedience (Deuteronomy 28:1-2):
 - o Favor follows those who align with God's Word.

3. Favor vs. Human Effort

- Natural Limitations:
 - Adeboye's **12 papers** vs. the expert's **150 papers**—yet God leveled the field.
- Divine Acceleration:
 - Like Joseph (Genesis 39:21), favor can fast-track you past competitors.

4. The "Fragrance" of Favor

- Invisible but Impactful:
 - Just as perfume draws attention, divine favor makes you magnetic to blessings (Esther 2:9).
- Manifestations:
 - 1. Favor with enemies (Proverbs 16:7).
 - 2. Favor in crises (Daniel 1:9).
 - 3. Favor with authorities (Nehemiah 2:5-6).

Caution: Misconceptions About Favor

- Not a Replacement for Diligence (Proverbs 22:29):
 - Adeboye prepared his paper before favor amplified it.
- Not a License for Pride (James 4:6):
 - Favor humbles us to say, "God did this" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Activating Favor in Your Life

- 1. Daily Surrender (Psalm 90:17):
 - Pray: "Let the beauty of the Lord my God be upon me."
- 2. Serve Others (Luke 2:52):
 - Jesus grew in favor with God and man through servanthood.
- 3. Expect God's Intervention:
 - Like Adeboye, approach challenges with faith in God's reputation.

Conclusion: Live Under God's Smile

Ask yourself:

- "Do I rely more on my credentials or Christ's favor?"
- "How can I seek God's face rather than just His blessings?"

Prayer:

"Father, lift Your countenance upon me. Let Your favor open doors no man can shut, in Jesus' name!"

Divine favor is **God's signature on your life**—it turns **ordinary steps into supernatural breakthroughs**. Walk in it today!

"For Thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt Thou compass him as with a shield." (Psalm 5:12).

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