

Open Heaven 23 April 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 23 April 2026 devotional for today is **DIVINE VISITATION I.**

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TOPIC: DIVINE VISITATION I

MEMORISE
Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
Job 10:12

READ: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.
3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.
4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me

to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lordâ??s anointed is before him.
7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lordlooketh on the heart.
8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.
9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.
11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.
13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 23 APRIL 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Todayâ??s memory verse shows that Godâ??s visitation brings life and preservation. When God visits a fellow, things begin to change positively in his or her life. His visitation always leaves a lasting mark in the lives of those He Visits.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, God told Samuel to go to Jesseâ??s house to anoint the next king. When he got there, Jesse presented all his sons to him, except David. This shows the extent to which David was disregarded by his own family. However, the Almighty God had arranged a divine visitation for David while he was busy looking after his fatherâ??s sheep. God instructed Samuel to anoint him in the presence of his family members, and from that day on, things began to change positively in his life.

And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, l am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
Genesis 28:13-14

In the Scripture above, the Almighty God visited Jacob, and from that day on, the blessings of the Lord became evident in his life. He became prosperous and continued to find favour in the sight of God and man.

When God visited Sarah, she laughed for joy, and those who heard her story rejoiced with her (Genesis 21:1-6). God also visited Hannah, and her years of barrenness and sorrow vanished (1 Samuel 1:19-20). Likewise, when He visited Joseph, his years of suffering, slavery, and hardship vanished overnight;

he woke up as a prisoner but ended the day as Pharaohâ??s second-in-command (Genesis 41:14, 41-44). The day God visited the man at the pool of Bethesda was the day he walked. Before then, he had been paralysed for 38 years (John 5:1-2).

Beloved, my Daddy specialises in making the impossible possible. If you are stuck in what seems like a hopeless situation, cry out to Him today and ask for a divine visitation. Inasmuch as you are His child, He will heed your cry and cause a positive turnaround in your life. I pray that God will visit you today, and every impossibility in your life will become possible, in Jesusâ?? name.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please visit me and everything that concerns me, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Kings 14-16

Open Heavens HYMN 48: PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOUR

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 23 APRIL 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Job 10:12

â??Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.â?•
This verse captures the essence of what happens when God visits a person. Job acknowledges that his very life and the favour he enjoys are gifts from God. But the most powerful phrase is â??thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.â?• Godâ??s visitation is not just a nice experienceâ??it is preservation. It keeps your spirit alive when circumstances want to kill it. It maintains your sanity when madness threatens. It holds you together when everything else is falling apart.

BIBLE READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

This passage records the anointing of David as king of Israel. God sent Samuel to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem to anoint one of his sons as the next king. When Samuel arrived, he looked at Jesseâ??s eldest son, Eliab, and thought, â??Surely this is the LORDâ??s anointed.â?• But God corrected him: â??Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.â?• Jesse then presented seven of his sons to Samuel, one by one, but God rejected each one. Finally, Samuel asked, â??Are here all thy children?â?• Jesse admitted there was still the youngestâ??Davidâ??who was out in the fields tending the sheep. They sent for him, and when he arrived, the LORD said, â??Arise, anoint him: for this is he.â?• David was anointed in the presence of his brothers, and from that day forward, the Spirit of the LORD came upon him. This passage

demonstrates that **Godâ??s visitation often comes when you are overlooked, disregarded, and hidden in the background.**

The God Who Visits the Forgotten

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** (Daddy Adeboye) brings us to one of the most comforting truths in Scripture: **God specializes in visiting those whom everyone else has forgotten.** When you are overlooked, disregarded, and hidden in the background, that is exactly when God shows up to change everything.

David: The Boy They Left in the Fields

The Bible reading tells the story of Davidâ??s anointing, and the details are striking. Samuel, the great prophet, arrived at Jesseâ??s house with a divine assignment: anoint the next king of Israel. Jesse, understandably excited, gathered all his sons to present them to the prophet.

One by one, they passed before Samuel. Eliabâ??tall, handsome, impressive. Surely this was the one. But God said no. Abinadab? No. Shammah? No. Seven sons in total, all presented, all rejected.

Then Samuel asked a question that must have stunned Jesse: â??Are here all thy children?â?•

Jesse hesitated. â??There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.â?•

Think about what this means. Jesse had seven sons worthy of presentation. He brought out the best, the most eligible, the most impressive. But David? David was so insignificant in his fatherâ??s eyes that he wasnâ??t even called in from the fields. He was left with the sheep while his brothers met the prophet. He was forgotten.

But God had not forgotten him. While Jesse was presenting his seven sons, God was waiting for the eighth. While Samuel was rejecting one after another, God was looking at the field where a young shepherd boy was watching sheep. The boy no one thought to invite became the man God chose to anoint.

When David finally arrived, probably dusty and smelling of sheep, God said, â??Arise, anoint him: for this is he.â?• And in that moment, everything changed. The forgotten boy became the chosen king. The disregarded youngest became the ancestor of Messiah.

What Divine Visitation Does

The devotional gives multiple examples of what happens when God visits:

For Sarah: God visited, and her years of barrenness ended. She who had been childless into old age became the mother of Isaac. Her laughter of despair became laughter of joy (Genesis 21:1-6).

For Hannah: God visited, and her sorrow vanished. The woman who wept at the temple, who was provoked by her rival, who poured out her soul in desperate prayerâ??became the mother of Samuel, the prophet who would anoint kings (1 Samuel 1:19-20).

For Joseph: God visited, and his years of suffering ended overnight. In the morning, he was a prisoner, forgotten in a dungeon. By evening, he was Pharaohâ??s second-in-command, ruling Egypt (Genesis 41:14, 41-44).

For the man at Bethesda: God visited, and thirty-eight years of paralysis ended in a moment. The man who had no one to help him into the pool walked out carrying his bed (John 5:1-9).

For Jacob: God visited, and a fugitive running from his brother became the father of twelve tribes, the recipient of the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 28:13-14).

This is what divine visitation does. It doesnâ??t just improve your situationâ??it transforms it completely. It takes the forgotten and makes them famous. It takes the barren and makes them fruitful. It takes the prisoner and makes them prime minister.

You May Be Forgotten, But Not by God

The devotional speaks directly to those who feel overlooked:

- You may be the one left out when opportunities are shared
- You may be the one not invited to the table
- You may be the one working in the background while others get recognition
- You may be the one your family disregards
- You may be the one society has written off

But hear this: **God sees you.** Just as He saw David in the fields, He sees you in your hidden place. Just as He knew where Joseph was in prison, He knows where you are right now. And He is arranging a divine visitation that will change everything.

How to Position Yourself for Visitation

1. Stay Faithful in Your Current Assignment
David was doing his job when God visited him. He was tending sheep, protecting the flock, being faithful in the small thing. He didnâ??t neglect his duties because he felt overlooked. He kept working, and God visited him at his post.

2. Donâ??t Despise Your Low Position
David could have resented being left with the sheep. He could have complained about his brothers getting all the attention. But he didnâ??t. He accepted his place and waited on God. Your humility in the low place positions you for elevation.

3. Be Ready When Called
When Samuel sent for David, he came immediately. He didnâ??t say, â??Tell the prophet to wait while I clean up.â?• He came as he was, and God accepted him. Be ready to respond when Godâ??s call comes.

4. Cry Out for Visitation
The devotional says, â??If you are stuck in what seems like a hopeless situation, cry out to Him today and ask for a divine visitation.â?• God responds to desperate prayer. Hannah cried out, and God

visited. The man at Bethesda didnâ??t even ask, but Jesus saw him. Your cry reaches His heart.

5. Expect Impossibilities to Become Possible
The devotional declares: â??Every impossibility in your life will become possible.â?• When God visits, natural laws donâ??t apply. Barren wombs conceive. Prison doors open. Sheep fields become palaces.

The Pattern of Visitation

Notice the pattern in all these testimonies:

1. **Hopeless situation:** Barrenness, prison, paralysis, rejection
2. **Divine intervention:** God sees, God hears, God comes
3. **Complete transformation:** Laughter, promotion, healing, kingship
4. **Lasting impact:** The change is permanent, not temporary

This is not just improvementâ??this is reversal. This is not just helpâ??this is visitation.

What Kind of Visitation Do You Need?

The devotional asks: what area of your life needs God to visit?

- **Barren areas:** Places where nothing is growing, no matter what you do
- **Prison areas:** Places where you feel trapped, unable to escape
- **Paralyzed areas:** Places where youâ??ve been stuck for years
- **Forgotten areas:** Places where no one notices or remembers you
- **Impossible areas:** Places where human resources have failed completely

Whatever your need, Godâ??s visitation is the answer.

Conclusion: Your Visitation Is Coming

David was in the fields, but God saw him. Sarah was in her tent, but God visited her. Hannah was at the temple, and God remembered her. Joseph was in prison, and God elevated him. The man was at the pool, and Jesus healed him.

Where are you right now? In a field? In a prison? In a tent? At a pool? Wherever you are, God knows your location. He is arranging your visitation. He is coming to where you are.

And when He comes, everything changes. The forgotten become famous. The barren become fruitful. The imprisoned become free. The impossible becomes possible.

Get ready. Your visitation is on the way.

Pray this:
â??Father, I cry out to You for a divine visitation. You saw David in the fields when his family forgot him. You saw Joseph in prison when everyone else moved on. You saw Hannah at the temple when she was desperate. See me, Lord. Visit me today. Turn my hopeless situation around. Make every impossibility in my life possible. Let my visitation leave a lasting mark. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Identify your â??fieldâ?•:** Where are you currently positioned? What is your daily assignment? Recognize that God can visit you right where you are.
- **Stay faithful:** Donâ??t neglect your current responsibilities because you feel overlooked. Keep working, keep serving, keep trusting.
- **Cry out daily:** This week, set aside time each day to specifically ask God for a divine visitation in your situation.
- **Watch for His coming:** Be alert. Visitation often comes when you least expect itâ??through a person, a message, a circumstance. Donâ??t miss it.
- **Prepare your testimony:** Start thanking God now for the visitation you are believing for. When it comes, youâ??ll be ready to share.

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