

Open Heavens 26 April 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 26 April 2026 devotional for today is **ATTRACTING GODâ??S HELP II.**

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TOPIC: ATTRACTING GODâ??S HELP II

MEMORISE
With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
Ephesians 6:7

READ: Genesis 18:1-10

1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;
2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,
3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:
5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.
7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.
8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.
9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.
10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 26 APRIL 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will be discussing how Godâ??s children can attract His help by serving Him willingly, joyfully, and wholeheartedly.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, when Abraham saw three men passing by his tent, he ran to meet them and invited them to take a break from their journey by resting under the shade of a nearby tree. Even though they were complete strangers, he voluntarily offered to host them, and by so doing, he unknowingly hosted Godâ??s presence. Abrahamâ??s hospitality must have prompted God to arise for him and heal the barrenness he was experiencing in his marriage. Those who serve God voluntarily always attract His help.

One day, someone asked me, â??Sir, what do you think about instrumentalists who insist on being paid by churches before they minister with their instruments? Should they be paid?â?• I replied, â??No one pays for the same service twice. If they insist on being paid before they minister, the church should pay them. However, they should not expect any special blessing from God for their service because the church has already paid them.â?• If a fellow insists on being paid to serve God, such a fellow should not expect any special help from God on account of that service. A son who asks his father to pay him before he will wash the fatherâ??s car cannot expect to enjoy the same benefits as the one who serves the father willingly and joyfully.

One of the reasons I enjoy Godâ??s help today is that | left everything to serve Him when there was nothing enticing, humanly speaking, about working for Him.

There is a difference between serving man and serving God. With a man, it is possible for a fellow to get away with eye service and even get promoted, even though he or she is not serving willingly from the heart. However, God sees the heart, and if anyone serves Him unwillingly, Đ½Đµ does not owe such a person any reward.

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly love you, the less I be loved.
2 Corinthians 12:15

In the Scripture above, Apostle Paul expressed his willingness to spend and be spent for the work of God, not only because he loved God but also because he loved the people whom God had sent him to.

Beloved, if you want to attract Godâ??s help, serve Him willingly and wholeheartedly. He is faithful, and He will never forget your labour of love (Hebrews 6:10).

KEY POINT:

Those who serve God willingly, joyfully, and wholeheartedly will attract His help and blessings.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Kings 22-23

Open Heavens HYMN 32: TO THE WORK! TO THE WORK! WE ARE SERVANTS OF GOD

OPE HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 26 APRIL 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Ephesians 6:7

â??With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.â?•
This verse captures the heart of true service. Itâ??s not about what you do, but the attitude behind it. Paul instructs us to serve â??with good willâ?•â??willingly, cheerfully, from the heart. And the key is the audience: we serve â??as to the Lord, and not to men.â?• When your service is directed to God, human recognition becomes irrelevant. You donâ??t need applause, payment, or promotion because youâ??re serving the One who sees in secret and rewards openly. This is the kind of service that attracts divine help.

BIBLE READING: Genesis 18:1-10

This passage records one of the most remarkable hospitality stories in Scripture. Abraham was sitting at his tent door in the heat of the day when he saw three men standing nearby. He immediately ran to meet them, bowed himself to the ground, and begged them to stay for refreshment. He offered water to wash their feet, rest under the tree, and bread to comfort their hearts. He then hurried to Sarah to prepare cakes, ran to the herd to choose a tender calf, and had it prepared. He stood by them under the tree while they ate, treating them like royalty. After the meal, one of the visitorsâ??revealed to be the LORD Himselfâ??said, â??I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.â?• This passage demonstrates that **willing, joyful, wholehearted service to others can open the door for God to visit you with your miracle.**

The Service That Attracts Divine Help

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** continues his teaching on how to attract Godâ??s help. He moves from crying out to God to **serving God willingly and wholeheartedly.** This is not about earning salvationâ??itâ??s about positioning yourself for the overflow of Godâ??s blessing through a heart of service.

Abraham: The Man Who Served Strangers and Met God

The Bible reading gives us the classic example of Abrahamâ??s hospitality. Notice the details:

- He **ran** to meet themâ??urgency in service
- He **bowed** to the groundâ??humility in service
- He **begged** them to stayâ??persistence in service
- He offered **water** for their feetâ??practical service
- He promised **bread** to comfort their heartsâ??thoughtful service
- He **hurried** to Sarahâ??involving others in service
- He **ran** to the herdâ??sacrificial service (a tender calf was valuable)
- He **stood by** them while they ateâ??attentive service

Abraham didnâ??t know these men were divine visitors. As far as he knew, they were just travelers passing by in the heat of the day. But he treated them like kings. He gave his best, his time, his resources, his attentionâ??all to strangers.

And what was the result? God visited him with the impossible. Sarah, barren for decades, past the age of childbearing, received the promise of a son. The willing servant became the recipient of a miracle.

The Difference Between Paid Service and Willing Service

Daddy Adeboye addresses a practical question that reveals a deep spiritual principle: Should church instrumentalists be paid?

His answer is profound: â??No one pays for the same service twice. If they insist on being paid before they minister, the church should pay them. However, they should not expect any special blessing from God for their service because the church has already paid them.â?•

This doesnâ??t mean itâ??s wrong to receive payment for work done in ministry. The Bible says the labourer is worthy of his hire. But it reveals a principle: **when you serve for payment, you receive payment. When you serve willingly, you position yourself for divine reward.**

A son who asks his father to pay him before washing the car cannot expect the same benefits as the son who serves willingly. The paid son gets money. The willing son gets a relationship, favour, and access.

Eye Service vs. Heart Service

The devotional makes a crucial distinction between serving man and serving God. When you serve man, you can sometimes get away with eye serviceâ??working hard only when the boss is watching, slacking off when no one sees. You might even get promoted based on appearances.

But God sees the heart. You cannot fool Him with eye service. He knows whether you serve willingly or grudgingly. He knows whether your heart is in it or not. And if you serve unwillingly, **He does not owe you any reward.**

This is sobering. It means that much of what we call â??serviceâ?• in the church may earn us nothing in heaven if our hearts are not in it. The songs we sing without feeling, the duties we perform without joy, the hours we put in without loveâ??God sees it all, and He responds accordingly.

Paulâ??s Example of Willing Sacrifice

The devotional quotes 2 Corinthians 12:15, where Paul declares: â??And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.â?•

Notice the key words:

- **Gladly**â??not grudgingly
- **Spend and be spent**â??not holding back
- **Though the less I be loved**â??not dependent on response

Paul served not because people appreciated him, but because he loved God and loved the people God sent him to. His service was not conditional on their gratitude. He served willingly even when his love was not returned.

This is the level of service that attracts Godâ??s attention. When you serve without expecting anything backâ??not payment, not praise, not appreciationâ??you create a debt that only God can repay. And He always pays His debts.

Why Willing Service Attracts Godâ??s Help

1. It Reflects Godâ??s Own Heart

God is a willing Giver. He didnâ??t send Jesus grudgingly. He doesnâ??t bless reluctantly. When we serve willingly, we reflect His nature, and He is drawn to those who reflect Him.

2. It Demonstrates Trust

When you serve without demanding payment or recognition, youâ??re showing that you trust God to be your reward. Youâ??re not depending on human provision for your motivation. This kind of trust moves His heart.

3. It Positions You for Blessing

Abraham served strangers and received a son. The widow of Zarephath served Elijah and received endless flour and oil. The Shunammite woman served Elisha and received a child. Service positions you on the pathway of blessing.

4. It Opens Doors You Cannot Open

When you serve willingly, God becomes obligatedâ??not because you earned it, but because He is faithful. Hebrews 6:10 says, â??God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love.â?• He keeps records. He remembers. He repays.

How to Serve Willingly

1. Check Your Heart
Before you serve, ask yourself: Why am I doing this? Am I seeking recognition? Am I hoping for something in return? Or am I doing it as unto the Lord? Adjust your heart before you lift your hand.

2. Serve Without Conditions
Donâ??t say, â??Iâ??ll serve if I get this positionâ?• or â??Iâ??ll help if they appreciate me.â?• Serve because you love God. Serve because itâ??s who you are. Serve without strings attached.

3. Give Your Best
Abraham gave a tender calfâ??the best he had. Donâ??t give God your leftoversâ??your leftover time, leftover energy, leftover resources. Give your best, and He will notice.

4. Be Attentive Like Abraham
Abraham stood by while the visitors ate. He was present, available, attentive. When you serve, be fully there. Donâ??t multitask your way through ministry. Be present with God and with people.

5. Involve Others
Abraham got Sarah involved. Willing service is contagious. When you serve joyfully, you draw others into the joy of serving with you.

What Kind of Service Attracts Help?

The devotional applies to every form of service:

- **Church work:** Ushering, cleaning, teaching, singing
- **Helping others:** Visiting the sick, feeding the poor, encouraging the downcast
- **Financial giving:** Tithing, offerings, supporting missions
- **Prayer ministry:** Interceding for others, standing in the gap
- **Hospitality:** Opening your home, feeding guests, hosting strangers

Whatever form your service takes, do it willingly, joyfully, as unto the Lord.

Conclusion: Your Service Is Not in Vain

You may serve in obscurity. You may give when no one notices. You may work when no one appreciates you. But God sees. God remembers. God repays.

Abraham didnâ??t know he was serving angels, but God knew. The strangers didnâ??t know they were bringing a miracle, but God did. Your service today may be opening the door for your visitation tomorrow.

Keep serving. Serve willingly. Serve joyfully. Serve as unto the Lord. And watch what God does.

Pray this:
â??Father, forgive me for the times I have served grudgingly, seeking recognition or reward. Create in me a willing heart. Let me serve You and Your people with joy, as unto You alone. I donâ??t need

payment or praiseâ??You are my reward. Use my hands, my time, my resources for Your glory. And as I serve, visit me with Your blessing. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Examine your service:** This week, look at everything you do for God and others. Check your heart. Are you serving willingly or grudgingly?
- **Find one hidden service:** Look for something that needs to be done that no one else wants to doâ??and do it cheerfully, without telling anyone.
- **Serve someone who cannot repay you:** Visit a shut-in, help a struggling family, encourage someone who has nothing to give back. Let your service be pure.
- **Thank those who serve you:** Recognize the willing servants in your lifeâ??your pastor, your ushers, your volunteersâ??and encourage them with your appreciation.

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