



Open Heaven 31 July 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 31 July 2025 devotional for today is THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY.

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OPEN HEAVEN 31 JULY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

MEMORISE:

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the

LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
Psalms 84:11

READ: Psalms 91:1-16

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 31 JULY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

There is something very interesting about shadows; there can be no shadows except there is light. If everywhere is totally dark, there will be no shadows.

Malachi 4:2 calls Jesus the Sun of righteousness. If you read John 5:2-9, you will see the story of a man who had been sick for 38 years and had been forsaken by everybody.

All of a sudden, while he lay helplessly on the ground, a shadow was cast over him. When he lifted up his eyes, he saw the Sun of righteousness. Not long after, he was on his feet and was found in the temple (John 5:14).

The madman of Gadara became free from demonic oppression when he encountered the Sun of righteousness (Mark 5:1-15). The woman with the issue of blood didn't have any hope of healing and restoration until she came under the shadow of the Almighty. Her twelve years of pain, disappointment, and sorrow ended the moment she encountered the Sun of righteousness (Mark 5:25-34).

In today's memory verse, David described God as a sun and a shield. As the Sun, He drives away every darkness from your life and gives you victory and wholeness, and as the Shield, He protects you from all evil and preserves your soul.

David experienced God as his sun and shield when he was running from Saul. No wonder he said in Psalm 37:40 that God will help and deliver His people from the wicked because they trust in Him. Only those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High can abide under the shadow of the Almighty and boast of this kind of deliverance (Psalm 91:1).

The secret place of the Most High is a place for intimate conversations with Him; it is a place where you can build intimacy with Him. Also, in His secret place, He reveals mysteries to overcome the enemy. Elisha knew the secret conversations of the king of Syria because he had an intimate relationship with God (2 Kings 6:8-12). If you want to abide under Christ's shadow, then you have to dwell in His secret place.

Beloved, are you dwelling in the secret place of the Most High? Only those who live a holy life and prioritise spending quality time with God can dwell there. Sinners cannot dwell in the secret place; therefore, if you're not yet born again or you're still toying with sin, repent now and come under the shadow of the Almighty.

OPEN HEAVEN 31 JULY 2025 PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to dwell in Your secret place so that I can abide under Your shadow.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 57-59

HYMN 19: ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 31 JULY 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalms 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

This powerful verse reveals God's dual nature as both **illuminator** (sun) and **protector** (shield). It promises that those who walk in intimacy with Him will experience **both His radiant favor and impenetrable covering**.

BIBLE READING: Psalms 91:1-16

This psalm outlines the **benefits of dwelling in God's secret place**:

- **v.1:** Divine shadow = **supernatural covering**
- **v.4:** His faithfulness = **shield and buckler**
- **v.14-16:** Sevenfold promises for those who **know His name**

The Power of Divine Shadow

The devotional uses **three biblical encounters** to demonstrate how Christ, as the **Sun of Righteousness**, brings light to darkness and shelter to the vulnerable.

1. The Nature of Divine Shadow

- **Requires Light (Malachi 4:2):**
 - Just as physical shadows need light, **spiritual covering** flows from Christ's presence
- **Dual Function:**
 1. **As the Sun:**
 - Exposes and destroys darkness (John 1:5)
 - Heals and restores (John 5:8-9)
 2. **As the Shield:**
 - Blocks enemy attacks (Psalm 3:3)
 - Preserves destiny (Psalm 121:7)

2. Biblical Encounters With God's Shadow

Character	Situation	Result of Divine Shadow
38-Year Invalid (John 5)	Lifelong sickness, abandoned	Instant healing, temple restoration
Gadarene Demoniac (Mark 5)	Bound by Legion	Total freedom, evangelistic calling
Woman With Issue (Mark 5)	12 years of bleeding	Healing, social reinstatement

3. Accessing the Secret Place (Psalm 91:1)

- **Requirements:**
 1. **Salvation:** Sinners cannot dwell there (Isaiah 59:2)
 2. **Holiness:** *"Clean hands, pure heart"* (Psalm 24:3-4)
 3. **Intimacy:** *"Abide in Me"* (John 15:4)
- **Rewards:**
 - **Revelation** (2 Kings 6:12)
 - **Protection** (Psalm 91:5-7)
 - **Provision** (Psalm 91:16)

4. David's Testimony (Psalm 37:40)

- **Shadow in Crisis:**
 - While fleeing Saul, God was his **sun** (guidance) and **shield** (protection)
 - **Key to Deliverance:** *"Because they trust in Him"*
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How to Dwell in God's Secret Place

1. **Daily Communion:**
 - Start mornings with **worship + Word** (Exodus 34:2)
2. **Lifestyle of Repentance:**
 - Keep short accounts with God (1 John 1:9)

3. Obedience to Promptings:

- Like Elisha, act on divine revelations (2 Kings 6:9)

4. Praise Warfare:

- Praise **disperses darkness** (Acts 16:25-26)
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Warning: Don't Play at the Doorstep

- **Partial Commitment Risks Exposure:**

- Like Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26), **lingering near sin** invites disaster

- **Cultural Christianity Isn't Enough:**

- Many **visit** God's presence; few **dwell** there (Psalm 15:1)
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Conclusion: Your Place of Ultimate Safety

Pray this:

“Sun of Righteousness, arise over my life with healing and light! Shield me from every evil plot. Draw me deeper into Your secret place until Your shadow becomes my permanent address, in Jesus' name!”

Action Steps:

1. **Identify “shadowless areas”** in your life—where are you exposed to attacks?
2. **Fast 1 day weekly** to strengthen your secret place access
3. **Study Psalm 91 aloud daily** for 30 days—let it rewrite your spiritual DNA

Remember: **In His shadow, storms may rage—but they cannot reach you.**

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” (Psalm 91:1). Dwell deep!

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