

Open Heavens 7 April 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 7 April 2026 devotional for today is **FIRE CARRIERS II.**

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TOPIC: FIRE CARRIERS II

MEMORISE
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Matthew 5:6

READ: Exodus 33:7-11

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.
8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.
9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.
10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.
11 And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned

again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 7 APRIL 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Yesterday, I stated that serving God wholeheartedly and honouring those whom He has placed over you is a channel through which you can carry His fire. Today, I will discuss another thing that can make you a carrier of Godâ??s fire â?? your level of hunger and thirst for Him.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, God spoke face to face with Moses in a pillar of cloud in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and Joshua was with him. After Mosesâ?? conversation with God, he departed from the tabernacle, but Joshua stayed behind because he was so hungry for Godâ??s presence. While others were enjoying the comfort of their tents, Joshua remained before the Consuming Fire, and I am sure that he was communing with Him and seeking His face. In Numbers 27:18, God attested to the fact that he was a man â??â?¦in whom is the spiritâ?¦â?• and instructed Moses to lay hands on him.

Elisha was another person whose hunger attracted Godâ??s fire. The moment Elijah put his mantle on him, he left everything and followed the man of God (1 Kings 19:19- 21). When it was time for Elijah to be taken away from him into heaven, he told him to ask for anything he wanted.

At that time, Elisha had become so hungry to see greater manifestations of Godâ??s glory that he wanted to do greater works than his master. He didnâ??t care about material things; his only hunger was for God. When Elijah heard his servantâ??s request, he replied, â??You have asked a hard thing, but if you see me while I am being taken away, it will be as you have askedâ?• (2 Kings 2:9-10).

Being on a long journey would have made many other people tired and sleepy, but Elisha was not. His hunger kept him awake and aware of everything that was happening around him. His heart was fixed on what he wanted, and this was what made him see the chariot of fire as it appeared, and Elijah being taken up into heaven by a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11-12).

Beloved, no matter who lays hands on you, the fire of God will not come upon you if you are not hungry and thirsty for Godâ??s presence and glory.

Even though a piece of wood has the potential to catch fire, it will not catch fire if it is not dry. Only those who are hungry and thirsty for Godâ??s presence and glory will receive His fire to do exploits in their generation.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please fill my heart, soul, and spirit with great hunger and thirst for your presence and

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Samuel 20-22

[Open Heavens HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour]

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MEMORISE: Matthew 5:6

â??Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.â?•
This Beatitude contains a universal spiritual principle: God meets the hungry. Not the casual seeker, not the mildly interested, but those who crave Him with the same desperation a starving man craves food or a parched man craves water. Such people are guaranteed to be satisfied.

BIBLE READING: Exodus 33:7-11

This passage describes the Tent of Meeting, where Moses would go to speak with God face to face. While the pillar of cloud descended and God spoke with Moses, something significant happens in the text: after Moses returned to the camp, **Joshua departed not out of the tabernacle.**While everyone else went back to their daily lives, Joshua stayed behind. He lingered in the presence of God. This one detail reveals the secret of his spiritual destiny. He wasnâ??t just present when God spoke to Mosesâ??he remained when the conversation was over, hungry for more.

The Fire That Comes to the Hungry

In yesterdayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** taught us that fire can be transferred through honour and service. Today, he takes us deeper. He reveals that **transfer is not enough without hunger.** You can be around the holiest people, sit under the best preaching, and receive the most powerful prayers, but if your heart is not hungry for God, the fire will not stay. Hunger is what turns contact with fire into a lasting flame.

Joshua: The One Who Stayed Behind

The Bible reading gives us a powerful detail that is easy to miss. Moses went into the Tabernacle to meet with God. The pillar of cloud descended. God spoke with Moses face to face. It was a glorious moment. But then Moses finished his conversation and left.

Everyone else left too. They went back to their tents, their families, their daily routines. But Joshua stayed.

The text says specifically: *â??Joshua departed not out of the tabernacle.â?•* He remained in that place of presence. He wasnâ??t satisfied with second-hand encounters. He didnâ??t just want to hear about what God said to Mosesâ??he wanted his own encounter. He stayed until the fire marked him.

Years later, God would say of Joshua, *â??There is a man in whom is the spirit.â?•* That spirit came from the place of lingering. It came from hunger that refused to leave just because the meeting was over.

Elisha: The One Who Refused to Look Away

Elishaâ??s story follows the same pattern. When Elijah threw his mantle on him, Elisha didnâ??t just accept the callâ??he burned with hunger. He killed his oxen, burned his plowing equipment, and said goodbye to his family. There was no looking back.

But the real test came at the end. Elijah was about to be taken, and he kept trying to send Elisha away. â??Stay here, the Lord has sent me to Bethel.â?• â??Stay here, the Lord has sent me to Jericho.â?• â??Stay here, the Lord has sent me to Jordan.â?•

Three times Elijah tried to leave him behind. Three times Elisha refused. *â??As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.â?•*

Why did he refuse? Because he was hungry. He knew that what he wantedâ??a double portionâ??would only come if he stayed until the end. While others might have been tired from the journey, his hunger kept him alert. While others might have been sleeping, his hunger kept him watching. And because he watched, he saw the chariot of fire. Because he saw, he received the mantle.

The Wood Must Be Dry

Daddy Adeboye uses a powerful illustration: **a piece of wood has the potential to catch fire, but if it is wet, it will not burn.** No matter how hot the flame, wet wood just smokes and hisses.

You can be in the right church. You can have the right people praying for you. You can receive the most powerful impartation. But if your heart is wet with the love of the world, with distraction, with complacency, with satisfaction in things less than Godâ??the fire will not stay.

Hunger makes you dry. Hunger makes you ready. Hunger positions you to receive.

What Hunger Looks Like

Hunger for God is not just a feelingâ??it shows itself in actions:

1. **Lingering When Others Leave:** Like Joshua, hungry people stay after the service ends. They donâ??t rush out. They donâ??t check their phones. They linger because they want more of God than a scheduled meeting can provide.
2. **Refusing to Be Dismissed:** Like Elisha, hungry people donâ??t accept â??noâ?• easily. When Elijah tried to send him away, he refused. When the sons of the prophets told him his master would leave, he ignored them. Hunger makes you stubborn in pursuit.
3. **Sacrificing Comfort:** Elisha burned his farming equipment. He cut ties with his old life. Hunger is willing to let go of anything that stands between you and more of God.

4. **Staying Awake and Alert:** Elisha walked all day and kept watching when others would have slept. Hunger overcomes tiredness. Hunger refuses to miss the moment of visitation.
5. **Asking for the Right Thing:** When Elijah offered Elisha a blank checkâ??â?•Ask what I shall do for theeâ?•â??Elisha didnâ??t ask for money, protection, or long life. He asked for a double portion of spiritual power. Hunger knows what matters most.

The Danger of Satisfaction

The opposite of hunger is satisfaction. When you are satisfied with your current level of spiritual experience, you stop pressing in. You stop staying late. You stop asking for more.

The tragedy is that satisfaction in spiritual things is always deception. No one has arrived. No one has exhausted the depths of God. The moment you think you have enough, you begin to lose what you have.

How to Cultivate Holy Hunger

If you recognize that your hunger has grown cold, here is how to stir it up again:

1. **Spend More Time Alone with God:** Hunger grows in the secret place. The more you taste His presence, the more you want. Start with small amounts of time, and watch your appetite increase.
2. **Feed on the Word:** The Bible is not just informationâ??it is food. Read it, study it, meditate on it. Let it create craving in your soul.
3. **Fast from Distractions:** Sometimes you need to step away from things that dull your spiritual appetiteâ??excessive entertainment, social media, worldly conversations. Give your soul space to get hungry again.
4. **Pray for Hunger:** Ask God to give you an insatiable desire for more of Him. He loves to answer that prayer.
5. **Stay Around Hungry People:** Hunger is contagious. Spend time with people who burn for God, and their fire will spark yours.

Conclusion: The Filled Are Those Who Hunger

The promise of Matthew 5:6 is absolute: **those who hunger and thirst shall be filled.** Not might be. Not possibly. Shall be.

God cannot resist a hungry heart. He always responds to desperate pursuit. Joshua stayed and received the spirit. Elisha watched and received the mantle. If you will cultivate holy hunger, the fire will come. It is guaranteed.

Pray this:
â??Father, forgive me for the times I have been satisfied with less of You. Create in me a holy hunger that will not let me go. Give me the spirit of Joshuaâ??to linger when others leave. Give me the spirit of Elishaâ??to refuse distraction and pursue until I receive. I am tired of dry wood. Set me on fire. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **This week, practice lingering:** After your personal devotion or church service, stay an extra 10-15 minutes just waiting on God. Donâ??t rush away.
- **Examine your appetite:** What have you been hungry for lately? More money? More entertainment? More recognition? Repent and redirect your hunger toward God.
- **Identify distractions:** What is keeping your spiritual wood wet? Social media? Television? Busyness? Consider a fast from one of these this week.
- **Ask for the right thing:** Like Elisha, make a list of spiritual desiresâ??not material onesâ??and begin asking God to fill you.

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