



Open Heaven 23 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 23 December 2025 devotional for today is **CONDUCTORS OF THE ANOINTING III.**

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TOPIC: CONDUCTORS OF THE ANOINTING III

MEMORISE:

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
Acts 19:11

READ: 2 Kings 2:19-22:

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 23 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Yesterday, I mentioned that God needs your hands to be clean so that He can use it to do great things. Your hands should bring blessings to people, not the other way around.

In Exodus 15:22-25, the Israelites got to Marah, and they couldn't drink the water there because it was bitter. God showed Moses a tree, and he cut a branch from it, threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. I believe that if it had been someone else who threw that branch in the water, nothing would have changed.

In 2 Kings 4:38-41, somebody unknowingly added a poisonous herb to the food that was being prepared for the sons of the prophets. Upon tasting it, they said, "There is death in the pot." Elisha then said, "Bring me some flour." He put the flour in the pot, and the poison was neutralised. The flour became a potent antidote because the anointing flowed through the hands that poured it into the pot.

Years ago, I travelled to Lokoja, a state capital in Central Nigeria, and I saw a huge tree on a major road within the city. The road was built around the tree, and when I asked why, I was told that the tree could not be uprooted because there were evil forces surrounding it.

Quietly, I stretched my hand towards the tree and prayed a simple prayer. That night, there was a violent storm, and by the next morning, the tree had been uprooted. I decree that any tree that God has not planted in your life, family, or city will be uprooted today, in Jesus' name.

God performed special miracles by the hands of Paul. Handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from his body to heal the sick and deliver those who were oppressed by demons (Acts 19:11-12).

Pieces of cloth that had come in contact with Paul's hands and aprons that had come in contact with his body became healing vessels and demon chasers. In today's Bible reading, the inhabitants of Jericho told Elisha that their city was pleasant, but the ground was barren, and the water was bad. He took some salt and poured it at the source of the water flowing into the city, and the waters became fit for use. It wasn't the salt that performed the miracle; it was the hand of the anointed fellow that threw in the salt.

Beloved, I decree that as you raise your hands, any curse on your life, family, village, town, or country will be broken, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please perform special miracles through my hands, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 John 1-5

HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Acts 19:11

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.

This verse succinctly captures the dynamic partnership between divine power and human agency. God (*God wrought*) is the sole source of the miracle, but He chooses to work *by the hands of* a consecrated individual. The hands are the designated, anointed instruments through which God's supernatural power is administered to meet specific human needs.

BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 2:19-22

This passage is the paradigm for the transformation of a curse into a blessing through anointed agency:

v.19: The Problem Presented – A pleasant city with a fatal flaw: *the water is naught, and the ground barren.* This represents a life or system with inherent poison that stifles fruitfulness.

v.20-21: The Prophetic Prescription – Elisha calls for a *new cruse* (a fresh, unused vessel) and *salt*. He goes to the *spring of the waters* (the source) and casts the salt in, declaring healing in the name of the Lord.

v.22: The Permanent Result – *So the waters were healed unto this day.* The miracle was complete and enduring, affecting the entire city's future.

The Anointed Hand: God's Instrument for Transformation

Pastor E.A. Adeboye continues his profound teaching on the ministry of the hands, moving from their required cleanliness to their supernatural potential. Today's devotional reveals that the clean, anointed hand of a believer becomes the point of contact where God transmutes curses into blessings, poison into nourishment, and spiritual strongholds into vacant lots.

1. The Transmuting Touch: Changing the Nature of Things

The Branch at Marah (Exodus 15:25):

The bitter waters of Marah represent life's disappointments and curses. Moses' hand, acting on God's specific instruction, used an ordinary tree branch as a conduit to release a sweetening miracle. The hand of the anointed leader changed the very molecular structure of the water, demonstrating that God's power through a man can alter the nature of circumstances.

The Flour in the Pot (2 Kings 4:41):

Flour, a mundane cooking ingredient, became a universal antidote to poison when it passed through Elisha's hands. This illustrates that the anointing sanctifies common elements for supernatural purposes. The miracle was not in the flour but in the *hand that administered it*.

The Salt at Jericho (2 Kings 2:21):

Salt, often a symbol of preservation and covenant, was used. But Elisha emphasized it was not about the salt: *“Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters.”* His anointed hand, obeying God’s word, was the instrument that released the healing decree into the source, resulting in permanent transformation.

2. The Authority to Uproot: Confronting Spiritual Strongholds

The Lokoja Tree Testimony:

The tree on the road was more than a botanical specimen; it was a physical monument to a spiritual stronghold that intimidated an entire city, even dictating urban planning. Pastor Adeboye’s quiet prayer with a stretched hand was not a public spectacle but a spiritual command issued from a position of authority. The violent storm was the earth’s response to the spiritual eviction notice served by an anointed hand. This demonstrates that the believer’s hand, in faith, can command natural elements to execute divine judgments against spiritual obstructions.

The Decree Over the Reader:

The personal decree *“any tree that God has not planted will be uprooted”* transfers the principle to the reader. It activates faith that our hands, lifted in prayer and declaration, can sever unseen roots of familial, personal, or territorial curses.

3. The Transferable Anointing: Power in the Proximity

Paul’s Handkerchiefs (Acts 19:12):

This is a unique level of anointing where power resided so richly upon Paul’s person that it transferred to inanimate objects (*“handkerchiefs or aprons”*) that had contact with his skin or hands. These became *points of contact* for faith, carrying the *“special miracles”* to a distance. This proves the anointing is a tangible spiritual substance that flows through and even from an anointed life.

The Principle of Contact and Release:

Whether it is a branch, flour, salt, a handkerchief, or a prayer of faith, the common element is *contact with the anointed hand or person*. This contact acts as a conduit, transferring God’s power from the spirit realm to the material need.

4. The Mandate: Your Hands as Instruments of Blessing

Hands That Bless, Not Curse:

The opening line sets the mandate: *“Your hands should bring blessings to people, not the other way around.”* Our hands are to be known as sources of healing, deliverance, provision, and breakthrough, not instruments of harm, theft, or corruption.

The Decree of Breakthrough:

The closing prayer of decree is not a wish but an exercise of priestly authority. It commissions the reader’s hands as instruments to *“break”* curses over every sphere of their influence, in the name of Jesus.

How to Function as a Transmitting Hand of God

1. Obey Specific Instructions:

Like Moses at Marah, be sensitive to God's unique direction for each situation. The miracle was in the specific obedience, not in a generic formula.

2. Use What is in Your Hand:

God uses available, ordinary things (a branch, flour, salt). Don't despise the mundane tools God places in your reach. Consecrate them through prayer and use them in faith.

3. Command, Don't Just Plead:

Move beyond begging God to act. From a position of clean hands and a pure heart, stretch your hand toward problems and issue decrees based on God's Word, as Jesus taught (Mark 11:23).

4. Believe for Transferable Grace:

Live so consistently in God's presence that your very belongings and touch carry a residue of faith and power for those who believe.

Warning: The Ineffective Hand

An unclean, disobedient, or faithless hand cannot transmit God's power. It would be like Moses refusing to cut the branch, Elisha doubting the flour, or Paul hoarding the handkerchiefs. Inaction or impurity renders the instrument useless, leaving the bitter waters undrinkable and the poison in the pot.

Conclusion: Stretching Forth Your Hand for Miracle

Pray this:

Almighty God, I present my hands to You afresh. Anoint them as instruments of Your power. Let Your miracle-working virtue flow through them to heal the bitter waters, neutralize every poison, and uproot every unauthorized tree in my life and the lives of those I touch. I decree that my hands will only bring blessings, and I receive the authority to transform curses into blessings today, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Action Steps:

- **Identify a Marah or Poisonous Pot:** Name one situation in your life or community that is bitter or poisonous. Stretch your hand toward it in prayer and speak a specific word of healing or neutralization from Scripture.
- **Study the Miracle Workers:** Meditate on the methods of Moses, Elisha, and Paul. Note their use of ordinary objects, their decisive commands, and their unwavering faith.
- **Make a Faith Point of Contact:** This week, pray over a simple object (a bottle of oil, a handkerchief) and give it to someone in need as a point of contact for their faith, instructing them to believe God for their miracle.

Remember: You are not just praying to God; you are partnering with God. Your clean, believing, obedient hand is His chosen instrument to administer heaven's remedy to earth's problems. *And they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover* (Mark 16:18). This is your

commission. Stretch forth your hand.

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