

Open Heavens 9 March 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

Todayâ??s Open Heavens devotional, 9 March 2026, is **ASK FOR HIS HELP**

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- **Read:** **RCCG Open Heavens 8 March 2026 Devotional**



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TOPIC: ASK FOR HIS HELP

MEMORISE:
Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

READ: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10
9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.
10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 9 MARCH 2026 MESSAGE TODAY

Yesterday, I discussed failure as the first possible outcome in the battle of life. I also noted that this possibility becomes an assurance when God is fighting against a fellow. The second possible outcome in the battle of life is that it is possible to win, but with numerous struggles.

When God promises to go with you in your endeavours, success is assured, but you may need to fight. For example, in Exodus 3:10-12, God told Moses to go to Egypt and set the children of Israel free from bondage. This assignment scared Moses, but God promised to be with him. Moses obeyed God and appeared before Pharaoh, demanding the freedom of the Israelites, but the latter refused to let them go. Moses persisted in his demand, and Pharaoh continued to resist until he eventually submitted to the mighty power of the Almighty God.

When the Lord is with you, no matter what the enemy says or does, you will win.

In 1 Samuel 17:1-51, everyone in the camp of Israel was afraid of Goliath, and for forty days and nights, he terrorised the nation. When David went to the king to seek his permission to fight the giant, the king looked at him and asked in disbelief if he was really capable of doing so. David recounted the things that God had done through him, and when Saul heard them, he said, â??Go, and the Lord be with you.â?• The Lord went with David, and he was victorious over Goliath.

Beloved, when the Lord is with you, the possibility of failing in the battle of life vanishes. Child of God, donâ??t consider anything in your life as an accident. Before your birth, God carefully arranged everything about your life, and when He is with you in lifeâ??s battles, you will undoubtedly win.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, Jabez asked God to help him succeed in life. God answered him and put an end to his struggles. You donâ??t have to keep struggling to succeed when you can call on the Lord to give you victory.

Although Jacob had been blessed by his father, he struggled until he surrendered everything to God. Jacob held on to God until He blessed him (Genesis 32:24-32).

Beloved, stop trying to succeed by yourself; surrender your plans to God and ask Him to help you like Jabez did, and He will give you good success

KEY POINT

Those who surrender their plans to the Lord and seek His help wonâ??t struggle to succeed.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Joshua 14-17

Open Heavens HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

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MEMORISE: Proverbs 3:5-6
â??Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.â?•
This is the master key to transitioning from struggling victory to guided triumph. It commands total reliance on Godâ??s wisdom over human insight (â??lean notâ?•) and constant recognition of His sovereignty in every detail (â??acknowledge Himâ?•). The promise is not just success, but *directed* successâ??a path made straight and clear by divine navigation, reducing friction and struggle.

BIBLE READING: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10
Jabezâ??s prayer is the biblical model for moving from struggle to blessed victory:
v. 9: His very name meant â??pain,â?• marking a life begun under a cloud of struggle.
v. 10: His fourfold prayer:

1. **â??Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeedâ?•** â?? A plea for the authentic, tangible blessing of God.
2. **â??Enlarge my coastâ?•** â?? A request for increased influence and territory.
3. **â??That thine hand might be with meâ?•** â?? The core request for Godâ??s presence and partnership.
4. **â??That thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!â?•** â?? A plea for protection from the struggles that cause pain.
   Result: â??And God granted him that which he requested.â?• The struggle was supernaterally ended by a direct divine response.

From Struggling Victory to Blessed Victory

Building on yesterdayâ??s message about the assurance of failure when God resists, Pastor E.A. Adeboye now explores the second possible outcome: winning, but with *exhausting struggle*. He reveals that Godâ??s presence guarantees victory, but a life of perpetual struggle is not His highest will. We are called to move from laboring victory to the blessed victory of Jabez.

1. The Reality of â??Struggling Victoryâ?•

Victory with Godâ??s Presence, But Without Full Surrender:

- This is winning battles through persistent human effort *supplemented* by Godâ??s help, rather than winning through divine strategy *led* by Godâ??s command. It is like Moses arguing with Pharaoh through ten plaguesâ??victorious, but grueling.

- **Characteristics:** Exhaustion, anxiety, constant opposition, and a sense that every gain is hard-fought.

The Root Cause: Leaning on Our Own Understanding:

- Struggling victory often occurs when we acknowledge God *in* our plans (â??God, bless *my* ideaâ?•) rather than acknowledging Him *for* our plans (â??God, what is *Your* idea?â?•). We are fighting *for* God instead of letting God fight *through* us.

2. The Biblical Blueprint for Blessed Victory

The Jabez Model: Prayerful Surrender:

- Jabez didnâ??t just work harder; he prayed a strategic prayer that invited Godâ??s hand into his situation. He moved from being defined by struggle (â??Painâ?•) to being defined by answered prayer.

The Davidic Principle: Past Testimony Fuels Present Faith:

- When facing Goliath, David didnâ??t say â??I can do it.â?• He recounted *Godâ??s past victories* through him (1 Samuel 17:34-37). His trust was in the unchanging character of God, not his own skill. Saulâ??s blessing, **â??Go, and the LORD be with you,â?•** was the key. The battle was won the moment David stepped out in covenant partnership with God.

The Jacob Turning Point: Relentless Dependence:

- Jacob, the struggler from birth, only received his transformational blessing (Israel) when he stopped scheming and clung to God in desperate dependence (Genesis 32:26). Blessed victory came when his own strength failed.

3. The Contrast: Moses vs. Jabez

Moses (The Struggling Victory):

- **Assignment:** Clear (Exodus 3:10).
- **Promise:** Clear (â??I will be with youâ?• Exodus 3:12).
- **Process:** Protracted struggle with Pharaoh, repeated setbacks, and public confrontations. The victory was glorious but extracted a heavy toll of conflict.

Jabez (The Blessed Victory):

- **Assignment:** Not statedâ??likely a life of ordinary struggle.
- **Prayer:** A cry for Godâ??s hand to change his narrative.
- **Process:** A direct, recorded answer from God. The struggle ended through a prayer of surrender.

The Common Thread: The active presence of God. The difference is in the *quality* of the journey and the level of human striving.

4. Davidâ??s Testimony (1 Samuel 17:45-47)

Victory Through Acknowledgment:

- David declared to Goliath: **â??I come to you in the name of the LORD of hostsâ?¦ that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israelâ?¦ for the battle is the LORDâ??s.â?•** He fully acknowledged God, leaning zero on his own understanding. The victory was swift, total, and undeniable.

How to Move from Struggle to Blessed Victory

1. Pray the Jabez Prayer Daily:

- Make 1 Chronicles 4:10 your own. Specifically ask for Godâ??s *hand*â??His active power and guidanceâ??to be upon your work, family, and endeavors.

2. Exchange Your Plan for His Direction:

- For your key decisions, stop saying, â??God, bless what Iâ??m doing.â?• Start asking, â??God, what are *You* doing? Direct my path into it.â?• (Proverbs 3:6). Wait for His guidance before charging ahead.

3. Lead with Testimony, Not Anxiety:

- Like David, face new giants by rehearsing Godâ??s past faithfulness. This builds faith that reduces struggle. Keep a journal of victories.

4. Cling, Donâ??t Strive:

- In persistent challenges, emulate Jacob. Move from â??I will fix thisâ?• to â??I will not let you go unless you bless me.â?• Transfer the weight of the struggle to God in persistent prayer.

Warning: Mistaking Struggle for Faithfulness
â??Suffering for Jesusâ?• vs. â??Struggling from Disobedienceâ?•:

- Not all struggle is godly persecution. Much is the friction of living outside Godâ??s directed path. Examine if your struggle stems from a refusal to fully surrender an area to Him.

The Pride of the â??Self-Madeâ?• Victory:

- Winning by sheer grit without acknowledging Godâ??s role sets you up for a fall (pride) and robs God of glory. It also ensures the next battle will be just as hard.

Conclusion: The Rest of Victory

Pray this:
â??Lord God of Jabez, I am tired of struggling victories. Today, I choose to trust in You with all my heart. I cease leaning on my own understanding. I acknowledge You in every area of my life. Direct my

paths. Oh, that You would bless me indeed! Enlarge my territory for Your glory. Let Your hand be with me in all I do. Keep me from evil and unnecessary grief. I surrender my plans, my battles, and my labors to You. Fight for me as You fought for David. Grant my request as You granted Jabezâ??s, and lead me into the blessed victory that comes from Your sovereign hand alone. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The Path Audit:** Write down the areas where you feel you are constantly struggling. Beside each, write the answer to: â??Have I fully acknowledged God here and sought *His* path, or am I asking Him to bless *my* path?â?•
2. **Daily Direction:** Each morning this week, before making any plans, pray Proverbs 3:5-6 aloud. Then, wait in silence for 5 minutes, listening for Godâ??s direction for your day.
3. **Memorialize Victory:** Start a â??Blessed Victoryâ?• journal. Record not just prayers, but specifically where you saw God direct your path, ending a struggle. Review it weekly to build your faith in His guidance.

Remember: Godâ??s will is not for you to barely win, exhausted. His will is to direct your paths so that your victory brings you rest and Him maximum glory.
â??And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.â?• (Genesis 32:28). Prevail through dependence, not defiance.

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