



Open Heaven Devotional 31 March 2025: HE CAN USE UNBELIEVERS TOO

Description

Today's Open Heaven devotional (31 March 2025) is HE CAN USE UNBELIEVERS TOO

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TOPIC: HE CAN USE UNBELIEVERS TOO

MEMORISE

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour

2 Timothy 2:20

READ: Ezra 1:1-11

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 31 MARCH 2025 MESSAGE

Today's memory verse tells us that there are vessels unto honour and unto dishonour in a great man's house. God will always find something to use people for; He will use His children as vessels unto honour, while those who refuse to live a holy life will be used as vessels unto dishonour.

One day, while driving to church to minister to some sick people, I got stuck in a terrible traffic jam. After a while, I noticed a side of the road that was free of traffic, and I moved my car there. Unknown to me, there was a rule that vehicles could only drive on that side of the road after 10am, and that was why it was free. Some policemen stopped my car and said, "Don't you know that you can only pass here from 10am?" I told them I didn't know and that I was sorry. I explained that I am a pastor, and I was hurrying to go and pray for the sick.

They said, "Well, you know what to do." I knew they were expecting a bribe, but as a child of God, I couldn't do it. Therefore, they said, "You will wait here until 10am before we let you go." As I waited, some street boys who were some distance away recognised me, and one of them said, "That is Daddy Adeboye. It seems the policemen are harassing him; let's go and help him." When the policemen saw them approaching, they left me and hurried away.

In that situation, God used the street boys to threaten the policemen into letting me go.

When God wanted to free His people from Babylon, He used Cyrus, an unbelieving ruler. Long before his birth, Isaiah had prophesied about him and the part he would play in the freedom of God's people (Isaiah 44:28, Isaiah 45:1-5). God can use unbelievers to do His will; however, such unbelievers will still end up in hell if they do not surrender to Christ, as all sinners will end up in hell.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18

Beloved, surrender your life to Christ if you are not yet born again and begin to live a holy life so that God can use you as a vessel unto honour and not unto dishonour.

KEY POINT

God will always use people for His will. However, they can choose to either be vessels unto honour or vessels unto dishonour.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Samuel 28-31

HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 31 MARCH 2025 COMMENTARY

1. The Divine Distinction: Vessels of Honor vs. Dishonor

Open Heaven devotional for today begins by drawing a striking contrast between two types of vessels in God's great house (the world/Church):

- **Vessels of honor** (gold/silver): Believers who pursue holiness (2 Timothy 2:21).
- **Vessels of dishonor** (wood/clay): Those who reject God's standards, yet He still uses them temporarily (e.g., Cyrus, Pharaoh).

Key Insight:

- **God's sovereignty:** He can use *anyone* even unbelievers to fulfill His plans (Proverbs 21:1).
- **Eternal consequences:** Being used by God ≠ salvation (John 3:18).

Application:

• **Examine your life:** *Am I a vessel of honor set apart for God's glory?*

• **Pray:** *Lord, refine me as Your golden vessel for noble purposes.*

2. God's Unconventional Methods: Case Studies

The devotional for today shares two examples of God using unlikely instruments:

1. Street Boys as Protectors:

- Daddy Adeboye's traffic ordeal → God used rough youths to intimidate corrupt police.
- Principle: *The weak things confound the mighty* (1 Corinthians 1:27).

2. Cyrus as a Deliverer:

- A pagan king fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 44:28) to free Israel.
- Principle: *“God’s purposes transcend human intentions”* (Genesis 50:20).

Warning:

- Don’t mistake *temporal usefulness* for *eternal approval* (Matthew 7:22-23).
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3. The Cost of Being a Vessel of Honor

Daddy Adeboye’s refusal to bribe police highlights **non-negotiables for honorable vessels**:

1. Integrity Over Convenience:

- *“I couldn’t pay a bribe”* (Proverbs 15:27).

2. Trust in Divine Justice:

- God defended him through unexpected means (Psalm 37:5-6).

3. Patience in Trials:

- He waited (until 10 am) rather than compromise.

Modern Parallels:

- **Workplace:** Reject unethical shortcuts.
- **Ministry:** Avoid *“success at any cost”* mentality.

Action Step:

Identify one area where you’re tempted to compromise. Stand firm today.

4. The Urgency of Surrender

Today’s devotional closes with a gospel appeal:

- **Vessels of honor must be “cleansed” (born again) and “set apart” (sanctified)** *2 Timothy 2:21.*
- **Hell awaits vessels of dishonor who reject Christ** (John 3:36).

Invitation:

“If you’re unsaved, surrender now. If saved, pursue holiness relentlessly!”

Final Thought: Your Life as a Divine Instrument

God is searching for **willing vessels** (Isaiah 6:8). Will you be:

- A **golden vessel** that carries His presence?
- Or a **clay pot** cracked by sin and destined for destruction?

â??You were created for honor. Donâ??t settle for temporary usefulnessâ??aim for eternal impact!â?•

Prayer of Consecration:

â??Father, cleanse me from all dishonor. Mold me into a vessel fit for Your glory, that I may shine as gold in Your house forever. Amen.â?•

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