



Open Heaven 31 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 31 December 2025 devotional for today is **YOU MADE IT!**

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OPEN HEAVEN 31 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: YOU MADE IT!

MEMORISE:

Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to thier teeth.

Psalms 124:6

READ: Psalm 124:1-8:

1 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say;

2 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 31 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

If you are reading today's devotional, God has been really good to you! He has taken you through 364 days in 2025, and you will see the end of today as well in joy, in Jesus' name.

Storms arose during the year, and fierce winds blew, but God kept you safe. He preserved your life despite the enemy's attempts to destroy you. I want you to take some minutes to truly praise the Lord.

If 2025 has been a really good year for you, I want to tell you that there are better days ahead. God is about to give you a new book with 365 blank pages! His thoughts towards you are always good (Jeremiah 29:11), and He has gone ahead of you to make 2026 a blessed year for you.

Did you experience some unpleasant events this year? Cheer up; God is making all things new. My Daddy will restore anything that you might have lost (Joel 2:25), and He will give you a fresh start in 2026, in Jesus' name.

Beloved, as you transition into 2026, I want you to do the following:

1. Reflect Deeply On All God Has Done For You, And Thank Him Abundantly. It Is Because Of Him That You Are Still Standing.
2. Forget Everything That Has Happened To You In The Past. You Cannot Move Forward If Your Gaze Is Fixed On What Is Behind You. If You Had Numerous Achievements In 2025, You Need To Keep Pressing Forward Like Paul Because There Is So Much More To Achieve (Philippians 3:13-14). On The Other Hand, If You Experienced Many Failures, Stop Counting Your Losses. Look Unto Jesus; He Will Surely Give You Good Success In 2026 (Psalm 121:1-2).
3. Abstain From Every Appearance Of Evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). You Cannot Triumph Over The Roadblocks And Traps The Enemy Has Set For You If You Allow Sin Into Your Life. Sin Will Keep You From Progressing Into God's Great Plans For You In 2026. Do Not Allow The Devil To Cheat You Of God's Best For You In The Coming Year.
4. Fix Your Gaze On Jesus; You Need Him Now More Than Ever. Allow Him To Hold Your Hands, Obey His Instructions Completely, And It Will Be Well With You. Only Those Who Are Willing To Follow Him Wholeheartedly And Are Obedient To All His Instructions Shall Eat The Good Of 2026 (Isaiah 1:19). God has wonderful things in store for you in the next 365 days.

In the name that is above all other names, I pray that you will not miss God's best for you in 2026. Your life will not be cut short, and your eyes will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, in Jesus' name.

ACTION POINT

Spend some time reflecting on God's goodness in 2025, and thank Him wholeheartedly throughout today.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

HYMN 17: PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 31 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 124:6

“Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.”

This is a psalm of corporate thanksgiving after a narrow escape. It acknowledges that without God’s direct intervention, Israel would have been utterly consumed by their enemies. It is a declaration that our survival, our “still standing,” is not due to our own strength or cleverness, but is a direct gift from God—a deliberate withholding of us from the jaws of destruction.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 124:1-8

This entire psalm is a template for year-end reflection and praise:

v.1-5: The Collective Memory of Peril “If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—Repeatedly, they envision the catastrophic alternative.

v.6-7: The Thanksgiving for Deliverance “Blessed be the LORD! Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers.” The imagery shifts from a beast’s prey to a freed bird—a picture of liberation and relief.

v.8: The Acknowledgment of the Source “Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Final confidence is placed not in circumstance but in the eternal, creative power of God.

Standing at the Threshold: A Divine Transition

Pastor E.A. Adeboye delivers a powerful, pastoral charge for the turn of the year. He frames the completion of a year not as a simple calendar event, but as a testimony of divine preservation and a launch into a new season of God’s purposeful grace. The devotional provides both a call to worship for God’s faithfulness and clear, biblical instructions for stepping into the future with hope and holiness.

1. The Foundation: Acknowledging Divine Preservation

The Miracle of “Still Standing”:

The ability to read the devotional on the last day of the year is itself a testimony. “Storms arose! fierce winds blew, but God kept you safe.” The year contained unseen spiritual battles, near misses, and pressures that could have “snapped” you. Your presence here is proof you were not given

as a prey to their teeth.

The Mandate to Praise:

Before planning, we must praise. *Take some minutes to truly praise the Lord.* This is not a casual thank you, but a deep, reflective worship that recounts specific deliverances, turning the memory of 2025 into an altar of gratitude.

2. The Prophetic Perspective: The New Book of 2026

365 Blank Pages:

The coming year is framed as a gift from God—a new book of blank pages. This signifies fresh mercy (Lamentations 3:22-23), new opportunities, and the active authorship of God who has *good thoughts* toward us (Jeremiah 29:11). We are not entering a void, but a prepared story.

A Year of Restoration and Fresh Starts:

For those who experienced loss or failure, the promise is not just comfort, but active restoration (*He will restore, I give you a fresh start*). This echoes the Jubilee principle (Leviticus 25) and God's heart to redeem lost time and opportunity (Joel 2:25).

3. The Threefold Action Plan for a Blessed Transition

1. Reflect and Thank (The Backward Look of Faith):

Purposeful gratitude sanctifies our memory. It shifts our focus from what we endured to *Who* brought us through. It establishes God's faithfulness as the pattern for the future.

2. Forget and Press (The Forward Gaze of Faith):

- **For Achievers:** Past success can breed complacency. The command is to *press forward*—like Paul, who treated his impressive resume as rubbish to attain the higher calling in Christ (Philippians 3:13-14). Last year's anointing is not enough for this year's assignment.
- **For Those Who Fell:** *Stop counting your losses.* Obsession with past failure is a form of bondage. The gaze must shift from the failure to the Fixer, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:2).

3. Abstain and Fix (The Upward Focus of Holiness):

- **The Non-Negotiable of Purity:** Sin is not just a moral failure; it is a *progress blocker*. It creates spiritual roadblocks and exposes us to the enemy's traps. *You cannot triumph if you allow sin.* Holiness is the condition for unhindered advancement.
- **The Centrality of Christ:** The final and most critical instruction is to *Fix your gaze on Jesus.* He is the guide, the protector, and the source of all good success. Wholehearted following and complete obedience are presented as the keys to *eating the good* of the land (Isaiah 1:19).

4. The Prophetic Prayer and Benediction

Covering Against Missing God's Best:

The prayer against missing God's best is a plea for spiritual sensitivity, discernment, and obedience

to not wander from the path of blessing.

The Promise of Long Life and Manifest Goodness:

The closing decree is for life and the tangible experience of God's goodness *in the land of the living* (Psalm 27:13). This affirms that God's promises are for our earthly journey, not just heaven.

How to Step Into Your 2026 with Purpose

1. Conduct a Psalm 124 Reflection Session:

Today, write down your personal *if the Lord had not been on my side* moments from 2025. Spend time in thanksgiving for each.

2. Write a Letter of Release:

Write down the one major success and the one major failure or loss from the past year. Thank God for the lesson in each, then symbolically destroy the paper as an act of committing it to the past and pressing forward.

3. Set Holiness Guardrails:

Identify one *appearance of evil* or sinful habit you will consciously abstain from as you enter the new year. Establish a practical plan and an accountability step.

4. Choose a Word for the Year from Scripture:

Select a guiding verse or promise for 2026 (e.g., *I will guide you with my eye*, Psalm 32:8). Write it where you will see it daily to fix your gaze on His promise.

Warning: The Trio of Transition Traps

- 1. The Trap of Ungrateful Entitlement:** Forgetting that your survival and any success were by God's grace alone.
- 2. The Trap of the Rearview Mirror:** Letting either pride over past victories or shame over past failures dictate your speed and direction for the future.
- 3. The Trap of Compromise:** Believing you can navigate the new challenges of a new year while clinging to old, sinful patterns. This guarantees you will *miss God's best*.

Conclusion: Blessed, Not Prey

Pray this:

Blessed be the Lord, my Preserver! Thank You for the covering of 2025. I release the past its triumphs and its trials into Your hands. I accept the new book of 2026 with faith and expectation. I fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith. I choose holiness and obedience. Lead me, Father, to eat the good of the land this year. Let my life be a testament to Your goodness, and let me see its fullness with my own eyes. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Action Steps for January 1st:

- First Prayer:** Before any activity, dedicate the new book of 2026 to God. Pray over the *blank pages*.

- **First Reading:** Begin a through-the-Bible reading plan. Let His Word be the first author on your new pages.
- **First Act of Obedience:** Perform a deliberate, quick act of obedience to a prompting youâ??ve perhaps put off.

Remember: You are not entering 2026 as prey, but as a blessed, preserved, and called child of God. Your help is in the name of the Lord. Walk boldly into your new days.

â??The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own handsâ?• (Psalm 138:8). He who preserved you will perfect you. Happy New Year

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