



Open Heaven 5 January 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 5 January 2026 devotional for today: **LET THERE BE LIGHT**

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OPEN HEAVEN 5 JANUARY 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: LET THERE BE LIGHT

MEMORISE:

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:3

READ: Acts 3:1-8

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 5 JANUARY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

When God said, "Let there be light" in today's memory verse, it simply meant that there was darkness before then, and at that moment, light was yet to come. "Let there be light" signifies an end to sorrow and the beginning of joy.

In Psalm 30:5, the Bible says that sorrow may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Sorrow changes to joy when light comes. Likewise, confusion gives way to clarity at the entrance of light.

If you are driving on a dark highway and suddenly, your car headlamps malfunction, you might find yourself in total darkness. In such cases, it is wise to quickly look for a safe space to park the vehicle because it is not safe to drive in total darkness. This is why darkness is associated with stagnation; there is usually no movement in an environment that is totally dark.

If whatever is wrong with the car is corrected, however, and the headlamps begin to work again, then you can continue your journey. Whenever there is light, there is usually progress. I pray that light will come into your life in this new year, and there will be an end to stagnation. This year, you will experience progress and joy, in Jesus' name.

In today's Bible reading, we read about a man who was born lame. For many years, he was carried to the same spot daily so he could beg for alms. He had been stagnant all his life; however, when the Almighty God decided to visit him, not only did he start walking, he was jumping and praising God. Light shone on him because he had met Jesus through Peter and John, and he experienced a great turnaround.

When the light of God comes into your life, you will move forward and upwards.

People normally sleep at night, and this is why Apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:7 that those who sleep do so in the night. There is usually no movement when people are asleep.

However, when the day breaks, light comes, and people awake from their sleep to go about their daily activities. Stagnancy gives way to progress when light comes. Beloved, I pray for you that the light of God will shine on every aspect of your life. There shall be no stagnancy in your life, and throughout this year, you will only move forward and upwards, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please let Your light shine upon all areas of my life this year, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Genesis 18-20

HYMN 19: ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 5 JANUARY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Genesis 1:3

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

This is the first creative command of God in Scripture, marking the irreversible end of darkness’s dominion. It establishes a fundamental spiritual principle: God’s spoken word initiates transformation, turning impossibility into reality and introducing order, clarity, and life where none existed.

BIBLE READING: Acts 3:1-8

This passage is a living demonstration of Genesis 1:3 in the New Testament. A man in the perpetual “night” of lameness and beggary encounters the living Word through the apostles. The command “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk” is the “Let there be light” moment that shatters his decades of darkness and stagnation, propelling him into a new life of movement and praise.

The Creative Command: Ending Your Night

Daddy Adeboye masterfully connects the original creation to personal destiny. The devotional teaches that the “darkness” over your life is not a permanent state but a condition awaiting the command of God. That command, when spoken in faith, is the catalyst that turns your sorrow to joy and your confusion to clarity.

1. The Nature of Spiritual Darkness

Darkness as Stagnation and Sorrow:

The analogy of a car with failed headlamps on a dark highway is powerful. Darkness forces a halt; it is unsafe to move. Spiritually, this represents seasons where progress seems impossible, vision is absent, and you are stuck in a cycle of despair or repetitive failure (Psalm 30:5). The lame man at the Beautiful Gate embodies this “daily routine with no forward movement.”

The Sleep of Inactivity:

Citing 1 Thessalonians 5:7, Daddy Adeboye notes that night is for sleep, a time of inactivity. Spiritual or destiny “sleep” is a state of unconsciousness to God’s purpose, where potential lies dormant. The enemy’s goal is to keep you in this night, asleep to your calling and stagnant in your condition.

2. The Moment Light Comes: A Divine Intervention

God's Decree is the Catalyst:

Light did not gradually appear; it was summoned by divine fiat. Similarly, your turnaround often begins with a specific, spoken decree from God—whether received through Scripture, prophecy, or a Spirit-impressed word in your heart. This decree carries creative power to birth what it declares.

The Peter and John Principle:

The lame man's light came through agents of the Word. He encountered Christ *through* the apostles who carried His authority and faith. Your "light" moment may come through a preached word, a godly counsel, or a direct revelation from God's Word that you embrace as truth for your situation.

3. The Result of Divine Light: From Stagnation to Supernatural Movement

Immediate and Dramatic Change:

The man's healing was instant and comprehensive. He didn't just walk; he leaped, demonstrating an overflow of joy and restored strength. Divine light doesn't just allow you to move; it imparts a supernatural *capacity* for movement, turning a crawl into a leap, and grumbling into praise.

Forward and Upward Trajectory:

Light doesn't just illuminate your current spot; it reveals the path forward. Daddy Adeboye prophesies a "forward and upward" movement. This means progressive advancement (forward) and promotion or elevation (upward) in every aspect of life—spiritually, financially, in health, and in purpose.

How to Position for Your "Let There Be Light" Moment

Position Yourself at the "Beautiful Gate":

The lame man was placed where people went to worship. Be consistently in the place of prayer, fellowship, and the teaching of God's Word. Your breakthrough will meet you where you expect God.

Listen for the Command, Not Just Coins:

The man asked for alms (a temporary fix), but Peter and John offered a creative command (a permanent solution). Train your spirit to recognize and receive God's life-giving word for your situation, even when it's different from what you initially asked for.

Respond in Obedient Faith:

The command required a response: "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up" (Acts 3:7). When God's light-releasing word comes to you, you must act on it in faith, even if your "legs" have never worked before. Your faith-action completes the circuit for the miracle.

Warning: Don't Acclimate to the Darkness

The greatest danger is to grow accustomed to your night, to decorate your stagnation, and to make peace with your lameness. The lame man could have refused Peter's hand, content with his daily alms. Reject that spirit. Cry out for the light until it comes.

Conclusion: Decree Light Over Your Life

Pray this:

“Creator God, who commanded light at the beginning, speak Your creative word over my life now! Let there be light in every area shrouded in darkness, stagnation, and sorrow. I receive Your command that ends my night and launches me into a new day of progress and joy. I rise up in faith, like the lame man, and I choose to walk, leap, and praise You for my forward and upward movement this year, in Jesus’ mighty name!”

Action Steps:

1. **Identify Your Darkness:** Write down one specific area of “darkness” or “stagnation” in your life. Name it before God.
2. **Find Your Genesis 1:3 Verse:** Search Scripture for a promise that directly contradicts that darkness (e.g., for financial lack, Philippians 4:19). This is God’s “Let there be light” decree for you.
3. **Activate It Daily:** For 21 days, speak that scripture aloud over your situation every morning and night, declaring “Let there be light!”
4. **Prepare to Leap:** Perform one act of faith this week that corresponds to your desired breakthrough (e.g., if praying for a job, update your CV/send an application). This is you “stretching forth” your lame leg in response to the word.

Remember: The same God who spoke to primordial darkness speaks to your situation. His word is not a suggestion; it is a creative command. Your season of stagnation ends now.

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” (Genesis 1:3). Receive your light now.

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