

Open Heaven 23 April 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 23 April 2025 devotional for today is BECOMING A WONDER I. The author of this daily devotion is Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

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OPEN HEAVEN 23 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: BECOMING A WONDER I

MEMORISE

I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

Psalm 71:7

READ: Acts 3:1-11

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.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

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In today's Bible reading, after God healed the lame man, everyone looked on in amazement because they had just witnessed something wonderful. Another wonder happened in Acts 5:14-16 as Peter's shadow healed the sick.

Likewise, in Acts 19:11-12, God performed special miracles through Paul such that his handkerchiefs and aprons healed the sick. Who turned them into such a wonder? The simple answer is the Holy Spirit.

When I was a lecturer at the University of Lagos, the dean of my faculty was Late Professor Chike Obi, a renowned mathematician. God later called me into full-time ministry and I resigned from the university system. After some years, Professor Obi, who was now retired, travelled all the way from his hometown to Redemption City to pay me a visit. I wasn't at home, but he met my wife, and he told her that he would return. The next time he came, he saw me and said, "I just wanted to be sure that it is the same Adeboye that I knew who is now making waves all over the world." I replied, "I am the same person, but the Adeboye you knew is a mathematician; the one before you now is a carrier of the Holy Spirit, and He makes a difference."

In Psalm 71, David praised God for all He had done for him, and in verse 7, which is our memory verse, he testified that he had become a wonder. People who encounter the Holy Spirit become wonders to their world.

Just as He turned the disciples, countless fathers in the faith, and even me into a wonder, He can do the same for you.

Before I joined RCCG, I experienced a lot of hardship despite all my degrees and qualifications. However, when I surrendered my life to Jesus and the Holy Spirit came upon me, I began to experience the supernatural wonders of God's kingdom. Difficult things became easy, and the seemingly impossible became possible.

One of my daughters was told by doctors that she would never give birth because her womb was too small to nurture a child to the point of delivery. She kept having miscarriages, but the Holy Spirit stepped in and decided to make her a wonder unto many. She got pregnant again, carried the pregnancy to the point of delivery, and when she delivered, she gave birth to quadruplets. I prophesy that you will have a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit that will transform you into a wonder, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINT:

Holy Spirit, please fill me afresh and make me a wonder unto many, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Kings 14-16

HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 23 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY

The devotional for today centers on **Psalms 71:7**, where David declares, *"I have become as a wonder to many, but You are my strong refuge."* Through biblical examples and personal testimonies, we see how the **Holy Spirit elevates believers** from obscurity to supernatural impact.

1. The Holy Spirit Makes You a Sign and Wonder (Acts 3-5, 19)

- **Peter and John:** A lame man healed at the temple gate (Acts 3:1-11).
- **Peter's shadow:** Delivered multitudes (Acts 5:15).
- **Paul's handkerchiefs:** Carried healing power (Acts 19:11-12).
- **Key Insight:** These weren't natural abilities – **the Spirit worked through surrendered vessels.**

Application:

- **You are a candidate for divine wonders.** The same Spirit lives in you (1 Corinthians 3:16).
 - **Expect God to use even "ordinary" things** (your words, prayers, or presence) to manifest His power.
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2. The Holy Spirit Redefines Your Identity (Personal Testimony)

Daddy Adeboye transformation:

- **From "Professor Adeboye" (mathematician) to "Daddy G.O." (global minister).**
- **Key Difference:** The Holy Spirit's empowerment (Acts 1:8).

Modern Parallel:

- **Your past (education, struggles, or limitations) doesn't limit your future.**

- **Surrender to the Spirit**, and He will **rewrite your story** (2 Corinthians 5:17).
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3. The Holy Spirit Turns Impossibilities into Testimonies (Daughter's Miracle)

- **Medical verdict:** "Barren" ? **Holy Spirit's verdict:** "Mother of quadruplets!"
- **Principle:** *"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"* (Luke 18:27).

Encouragement:

- **Are you facing a "hopeless" situation (health, finance, family)?**
 - **The Spirit specializes in defying odds** (Isaiah 43:19).
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4. How to Become a Wonder

1. **Surrender Fully to Christ** (John 3:30).
 - The disciples left fishing nets; the writer left academia.
2. **Cultivate the Spirit's Presence** (Ephesians 5:18).
 - Pray in tongues, worship, obey His promptings.
3. **Step Out in Faith** (Mark 16:17-18).
 - Peter spoke to the lame man; Paul sent handkerchiefs.

Prophetic Declaration:

"Every area of your life labeled 'impossible'—career, health, family—will become a testimony that silences mockers, in Jesus' name!"

Conclusion: You Are God's Masterpiece

- **Natural talents + Holy Spirit = Supernatural impact.**
- **Your "ordinary" life + God's touch = A wonder to your generation.**

Final Charge:

- **Pray:** *"Holy Spirit, overshadow me. Make me a sign of Your power in my world!"*
- **Act:** Like Peter at the Beautiful Gate, **speak to your "lame" situation** today.

Key Takeaway: The world awaits the wonders God will do through YOU (John 14:12). Will you let Him use you?

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." (Acts 1:8).

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