

Open Heaven 30 January 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 30 January 2026 devotional for today is **UNDERSTANDING SATANIC TRAPS IV.**

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TOPIC: UNDERSTANDING SATANIC TRAPS IV

MEMORISE:
Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
Luke 21:36

READ: Matthew 16:13-23
13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the

gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

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Today, I want to conclude this series by discussing another kind of trap which the devil uses. This trap is very subtle but potent in keeping people under his bondage. It is something I would like to call a trap of hypnosis. In this case, the devil hypnotises an individual by trapping his or her mind and taking control of it.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, Jesus asked His disciples who He was, and one of them, Peter, accurately described the person of Jesus. When he gave that description, Jesus announced that he could only have gotten it from a divine revelation.

However, the next moment, when Jesus was telling the disciples about the things that were to come, Peter rebuked Him and said that He was not going to die. Immediately, Jesus said, â??Get thee behind me, satan..â?•

In a split moment, the devil had put Peter in bondage and was controlling his thoughts and speech, such that he started speaking as the devilâ??s puppet without knowing it.

One major tool the devil uses to hypnotise people today and take control of their minds is social media. He pushes certain ideologies to them consistently, and after a while, they begin to think the thoughts that he wants them to think.

We see this everywhere in the world today; things that were considered shameful and an abomination a few decades ago are now seen as normal in society.

The devil particularly targets children, ensuring that they learn all sorts of abominable things at a tender age so that he can take control of their fragile minds. As a child of God, you must beware of this subtle but very dangerous tool that the devil is using to bring people into bondage.

Many times, the devil sneaks his evil ideas into songs and movies, and by so doing, he subtly introduces them to unsuspecting people, hypnotising them without their knowledge. This is why 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says that you must pray without ceasing.

To avoid this trap of the devil, you must remain in touch with the Holy Spirit at all times by studying the Bible diligently, meditating on it at all times, and praying without ceasing.

Beloved, watch, pray, and guard your heart with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23). You must take heed lest you fall (1 Corinthians 10:12) because Jesus Himself said that if it were possible, even Godâ??s very elect will be victims of the devil (Matthew 24:24).

KEY POINT

Watch, pray, and guard your heart with all diligence.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Leviticus 8-10

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

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MEMORISE: Luke 21:36
â??Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.â?•
This is Jesusâ?? final exhortation on vigilance. It pairs two active postures: **Watch** (be spiritually alert, discerning trends and deceptions) and **Pray always** (maintain unbroken communion for strength and guidance). The goal is not just survival but to stand unashamed before Christ, having escaped the enemyâ??s snares.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 16:13-23
This passage presents a stunning contrast in spiritual perception. Peter moves from receiving divine revelation (â??Thou art the Christâ?¦â?•) to becoming a mouthpiece for satanic suggestion (â??This shall not be unto theeâ?¦â?•) within moments. It reveals how swiftly a mind not guarded by prayer can be hijacked, even by well-meaning thoughts that oppose Godâ??s redemptive plan.

The Hypnotic Trap: Mind Control and Cultural Captivity

Daddy Adeboye concludes this critical series by exposing the devilâ??s most insidious and pervasive method: the hypnotic capture of the human mind. This bondage is not marked by dramatic possession but by a gradual, persuasive reprogramming of thoughts, values, and perceptions until the victim

willingly defends the very ideas that enslave them.

1. The Peter Paradigm: The Speed of Mental Hijacking

From Revelation to Rebellion in an Instant:
Peterâ??s case is instructional. He was a disciple, fresh from a divine revelation. Yet, when Jesus began to describe the *cost* of the mission (suffering and death), Peterâ??s undisciplined mind, operating on human emotion and logic, became an open channel for Satanâ??s counter-mission: â??Avoid the cross.â?• The devil often attacks not our identity in Christ, but our acceptance of the crossâ??s necessity in our lives.

Satanâ??s Goal: To Make You a Puppet of Good Intentions:
Peter spoke from a place of affection for Jesus, but his words opposed Godâ??s eternal plan. The hypnotic trap often uses â??reasonable,â?• â??loving,â?• or â??progressiveâ?• ideas to make us resist Godâ??s will. The test is not the speakerâ??s heart, but the alignment of the thought with Godâ??s revealed Word and redemptive pattern.

2. The Machinery of Modern Hypnosis: Social and Media Engineering

The Drip-Feed of Demonic Ideology:
Social media algorithms and pervasive media act as curated pipelines, consistently feeding narratives that normalize sin and redefine truth. Through repetition and peer validation, abominations are rebranded as â??rightsâ?• or â??normal.â?• The mind, like a sponge, absorbs what it is consistently exposed to.

The Targeting of the Young and Fragile:
The devilâ??s primary battlefield is the next generation. By capturing young, impressionable minds with addictive content and godless ideologies, he secures a cultural future of bondage. Parents and believers must be proactive gatekeepers and truth-teachers.

The Trojan Horse of Entertainment:
Songs, movies, and shows are potent carriers of subliminal messagesâ??glorifying rebellion, mocking purity, and promoting occult practices. This â??softâ?• hypnosis bypasses intellectual guards and works directly on the emotions and subconscious.

3. The Divine Antidote: Perpetual Vigilance and Saturation

Pray Without Ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17):
Unceasing prayer is not non-stop talking, but a state of abiding communion. It is a live connection to the Holy Spirit, our Discerner and Truth-Meter, who can instantly alert us to hypnotic suggestions. It is the â??check in your spirit.â?•

Guard Your Heart with All Diligence (Proverbs 4:23):
The â??heartâ?• is the seat of thought and belief. Guarding it requires aggressive filtration: what do you watch, listen to, read, and dwell on? You must be ruthless in what you allow past the gates of your eyes and ears.

Saturation in Scripture:
Only the truth can displace a lie. Consistent Bible study and meditation (Joshua 1:8) rewires your neural pathways to think like God. It creates a â??standardâ?• within you against which every idea is measured.

How to Maintain Your Mental Liberty

Implement a Media Fast and Audit:
Periodically abstain from social media and entertainment. Use the time to pray and read Scripture. Afterwards, audit what you consume. Does it align with Philippians 4:8? If not, prune it drastically.

Cultivate a â??Test All Thingsâ?• Reflex (1 Thessalonians 5:21):
Develop the habit of immediately subjecting new ideas, trends, and â??progressiveâ?• thoughts to Scripture. Ask: â??What is the fruit of this? Does it glorify God? Does it align with the gospel of the cross?â?•

Pray Proactively Over Your Mind Daily:
Put on the helmet of salvation (Ephesians 6:17) every morning through prayer. Declare: â??My mind is under the lordship of Christ. I reject every hypnotic, seductive, or deceptive thought. I have the mind of Christ.â?•

Warning: Complacency is Hypnosisâ??s Best Friend

To think â??this canâ??t happen to meâ?• or â??Iâ??m strong enoughâ?• is to already be under a delusion. The â??very electâ?• are targeted (Matthew 24:24). Your only safety is in vigilant dependence, not in spiritual overconfidence.

Conclusion: Pray for a Guarded Mind and a Discerning Spirit

Pray this:
â??Lord Jesus, my Deliverer and Truth, I put on the full armor of God. I claim the helmet of salvation for my mind. Break every hypnotic spell of the enemy over my thoughts and my familyâ??s thoughts. Give me a discerning spirit to instantly recognize and reject satanic suggestions, however subtle. Saturate me with Your Word. Help me to watch and pray without ceasing, that I may stand victorious before You, having escaped every trap, in Your mighty name!â?•

Action Steps:

1. **The 7-Day Media Fast:** Commit to a one-week fast from all non-essential media (social media, TV, secular music). Replace the time with Bible reading and prayer. Journal the difference in your thought life.
2. **Create a Philippians 4:8 Filter:** Write the verse (whatever is true, noble, rightâ?¦) on a card. Place it near your screens. Before consuming content, evaluate it against this filter.
3. **Family Defense Meeting:** Gather your household. Discuss the â??hypnotic trapsâ?• in media and culture. Set agreed-upon boundaries for content consumption. Pray together for protection.
4. **Review the Series:** Go back through the key themes of this devotional seriesâ??dominion, the Word, light, freedom from bitterness, power of words, authority, peace, love, soul-winning,

restoration, and now, mental liberty. See how they form a comprehensive defense against bondage.

Remember: Your mind is the control center of your destiny. The enemy seeks to hijack it. Your vigilance, guided by the Holy Spirit and grounded in Scripture, is your fortress. Stay awake. *â??Watch ye therefore, and pray alwaysâ?¦â?• (Luke 21:36). Your freedom depends on it.*

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