



Open Heaven 23 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 23 October 2026 devotional for today is FLEE LUSTS.

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TOPIC: FLEE LUSTS

MEMORISE:

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1 Timothy 6:11

READ: Genesis 39:7-12

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

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The Bible says that you should resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7). Elijah is one character in the Bible who really exemplified this principle of resisting the devil. He stood against everyone who opposed God, including the king and all the prophets of Baal. However, when a woman, Jezebel, decided to go after him, he did not stand to resist her; rather, he fled. When the devil decides to tempt you with a member of the opposite sex, don't stand and fight; flee!

In 2 Timothy 2:22, the Bible says, "Flee youthful lusts." Child of God, when it comes to sexual temptation, don't fight it; instead, run! I always warn my male children that if the devil comes against them, they should tell him to get lost in Jesus' name. However, if a lady approaches them smiling seductively, they are the ones who should run. You must flee from lust, because you cannot win that battle by standing; you can only win it by fleeing. If you are a man and you find yourself being seduced by a lady, you must flee. It does not matter how anointed you are; run fast! The anointing does not turn the body to stone. Even though Samson was anointed and once single-handedly killed a thousand soldiers, he was overpowered by a woman, and this led to his untimely death.

To the ladies, when a man approaches you with words like, "You look more radiant than the sun. Your smile is brighter than the brightness of a million stars put together," don't be carried away by his flattery. He may be calling you sunshine, but when he finishes with you, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference between sunshine and sunset. The Bible says that a flatterer sets a net for his or her neighbour's feet (Proverbs 29:5). My daughter, flee!

Even at my age, I am still running from every appearance of evil. This is because the closer you get to the finishing point of a race, the more careful you must be. The devil doesn't relent in his schemes to bring people down because they are old; instead, he wants to put an end to all the great work God has done through them and tarnish their legacies. Beloved, do not toy with sin; flee all forms of lust! God did not tell you that His grace will be sufficient for you when it comes to lust, He asked you to flee!

PRAYER POINT

Father, please give me the grace to flee every form of lust and to pursue righteousness, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Luke 5-6

HYMN: Yield Not to Temptation

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COMMENTARY

Today's devotional, **Flee Lusts**, delivers a blunt and urgent warning: when it comes to sexual temptation, don't fight **flee**.

Daddy uses two powerful examples: Elijah, who stood against kings and prophets but ran from Jezebel, and Samson, who was anointed and mighty but was overpowered by a woman. The message is clear: the anointing does not turn the body to stone. You cannot win the battle against lust by standing. You can only win it by running.

1. Flee Don't Fight

The Bible says to resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7). But when it comes to sexual temptation, the instruction changes. 2 Timothy 2:22 says, *Flee youthful lusts*.

Daddy says: when it comes to sexual temptation, don't fight it **run!** If a lady approaches you seductively, you are the one who should run. You cannot win that battle by standing. You win it by fleeing.

But the Bible does not say **resist lust** it says **flee**. Wisdom is not staying to prove your strength. Wisdom is running before you fall.

2. The Anointing Does Not Make You Immune

It does not matter how anointed you are **run!** The anointing does not turn the body to stone.

Samson was anointed. He single-handedly killed a thousand soldiers. Yet he was overpowered by a woman, and it led to his untimely death (Judges 16). His strength did not protect him from lust. His anointing did not make him immune.

The moment you think you cannot fall, you are already standing on dangerous ground. Stay humble. Stay vigilant. Stay far from temptation.

3. Beware of Flattery

To the ladies, Daddy warns: when a man approaches you with flattering words • *You look more radiant than the sun* • don't be carried away. Proverbs 29:5 says a flatterer sets a net for his neighbour's feet.

He may call you sunshine, but when he finishes with you, you won't be able to tell the difference between sunshine and sunset.

Flattery is bait. It is designed to lower your guard and draw you in. If someone is telling you everything you want to hear, be careful. Flee from those who use sweet words to trap you.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

Temptation is real. It comes in many forms • through people, through screens, through conversations, through situations. And the enemy knows exactly what to use to bring you down.

Daddy says even at his age, he is still running from every appearance of evil. The closer you get to the finishing point of a race, the more careful you must be. The devil doesn't relent because you are old • he wants to tarnish your legacy.

So don't toy with sin. Don't entertain lust. Don't stay in compromising situations. Don't think you are strong enough. Flee. Run. And keep running until you are safe.

Action Steps

1. Identify Your Danger Zones • What situations, people, or places make you vulnerable to temptation? Write them down. Commit to avoiding them.

2. Set Boundaries Before Temptation Comes • Don't wait until you are tempted to decide what you will do. Set clear boundaries now about what you will not watch, where you will not go, and who you will not be alone with.

3. Flee Immediately • When temptation comes, don't negotiate. Don't reason. Don't delay. Run. Leave the conversation. Leave the room. Leave the situation. Flee.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You for warning me to flee from lust. Thank You for Your Word that protects me and guides me away from destruction, in Jesus' name.
2. Lord, forgive me for the times I have entertained temptation instead of fleeing. Forgive me for staying in compromising situations and believing I was strong enough, in Jesus' name.
3. Father, give me the wisdom to identify danger zones in my life. Open my eyes to see the traps of the enemy before I fall into them, in Jesus' name.
4. Lord, give me the strength to flee immediately when temptation comes. Remove every hesitation and every excuse. Let me run, in Jesus' name.
5. Father, deliver me from the spirit of flattery and deception. Let me not be carried away by sweet words that are meant to trap me, in Jesus' name.

6. Lord, keep me humble and vigilant. Let me never think I am too strong, too old, or too anointed to fall, in Jesus's name.
7. Father, help me to finish my race well. Let me not tarnish my legacy or destroy what You have built through me. I will flee from lust and follow after righteousness, in Jesus's name.

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