



Open Heaven 16 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 16 October 2026 devotional for today is SHIELDED BY HIS WORD.

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OPEN HEAVENS 16 OCTOBER 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: SHIELDED BY HIS WORD

MEMORISE:

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
Psalm 107:20

READ: Psalm 84:1-12

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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The word of God is a mighty shield that defends us from negative things. Today's memory verse tells us that God's word heals and delivers from destruction. This means that when the enemy wants to destroy you, God will send His word, and His word will shield you from the enemy's attacks.

If you are trusting God for the fruit of the womb, I want you to believe that your testimony is around the corner. This is because God has shielded you from barrenness through His word. In Exodus 23:26, He says:

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Also, God shields His children from poverty through His word. 3 John 2 says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." In other words, no matter how tough and challenging your situation might be at the moment, God's word to you is that you will be healthy and prosperous.

Through His word, God shields His children from lack and hunger. Psalm 23:1 says, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Through the word of God, you are reassured that the Lord is your shepherd, and with Him, you have everything you need. No need will arise in your life and remain unmet because Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is for you. Psalm 84:11 says that the Lord will not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly. God will see to it that before a need arises, there is more than enough provision to meet it. Beloved, I pray that in any area you may be experiencing lack, your eyes will be opened to see God's abundant provisions for you, in Jesus' name.

Another thing that God's word shields believers from is abandonment and loneliness. Jesus said in John 14:18 that He will not leave you comfortless. He also said in Hebrews 13:5 that He will never leave nor forsake you. This means that even if your parents or friends forsake you, He will always be with you.

Beloved, to be shielded by the word of God, you must know what He has said concerning you and truly believe it. A weapon you are ignorant of, or fail to use, cannot benefit you. Therefore, make it your daily practice to meditate on God's word and obey it, for in doing so, you will enjoy His covering at all times.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to know, believe, and obey Your word so that I will enjoy Your shield at all times, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Mark 8-9

HYMN: Ancient Words

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 16 OCTOBER 2026 COMMENTARY

Today's devotional, **Shielded by His Word**, teaches us that the Word of God is not just instruction it is protection. It is a shield that defends us from the enemy's attacks.

It shows us that God's Word shields us from barrenness, poverty, lack, and abandonment. But there is a condition: to be shielded by the Word, you must know what God has said and truly believe it. A weapon you are ignorant of cannot benefit you.

1. His Word Shields You from Barrenness

If you are trusting God for the fruit of the womb, Daddy says your testimony is around the corner. Why? Because God has shielded you from barrenness through His Word.

Exodus 23:26 says, *There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.* God's Word over your life is fruitfulness not barrenness. Whether it is physical children, spiritual fruit, or the works of your hands, God has promised that you will not be barren.

Hold on to what God has said. His Word is your shield against every form of barrenness in your life.

2. His Word Shields You from Poverty and Lack

God shields His children from poverty through His Word. 3 John 2 says, *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.* No matter how tough your situation is right now, God's Word to you is health and prosperity.

Psalms 23:1 says, *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.* Through the Word, you are reassured that the Lord is your shepherd, and with Him, you have everything you need. Psalm 84:11 says He will not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly.

Lack is real. Bills pile up. Needs arise. But God's Word says you shall not want. Before a need arises, God has already made provision. Your eyes may not see it yet, but it is there. Speak God's Word over your finances. Declare His promise over your household.

3. His Word Shields You from Abandonment and Loneliness

God's Word also shields believers from abandonment and loneliness. Jesus said in John 14:18, *"I will not leave you comfortless."* He also said in Hebrews 13:5, *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

This means that even if your parents or friends forsake you, He will always be with you.

Loneliness is one of the deepest pains a person can feel. But the Word of God promises that you are never truly alone. He is with you in the morning. He is with you at night. He is with you in the crowd and in the quiet. You are not abandoned. You are not forgotten. You are His.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

Are you facing situations that seem to contradict God's promises? The doctor's report says one thing. The bank account says another. Your emotions say something else. But the Word of God says you are shielded.

Barrenness cannot hold you. Poverty cannot define you. Lack cannot limit you. Abandonment cannot destroy you. The Word of God is your shield but you must know it, believe it, and use it.

A weapon you are ignorant of cannot benefit you. So meditate on God's Word daily. Speak it over your life. Obey it. Let it become your defence.

Action Steps

- 1. Meditate on God's Word Daily** Make it a habit to read and meditate on Scripture every day. You cannot use a weapon you don't know. Know what God has said about you.
- 2. Speak God's Promises Over Your Life** Don't just read the Word declare it. Speak His promises over your health, your finances, your family, and your future.
- 3. Obey the Word You Hear** The shield works when you walk uprightly (Psalm 84:11). Obey God's Word. Live according to it. The shield protects those who walk in obedience.

Prayer Points

- Father, I thank You for Your Word that shields me, heals me, and delivers me. Thank You for the promises that cover every area of my life, in Jesus' name.
- Lord, forgive me for the times I have ignored Your Word or doubted its power. Forgive me for living in ignorance of what You have promised me, in Jesus' name.

3. Father, I decree that I am shielded from barrenness. Every area of my life shall be fruitful, and my testimony shall come forth, in Jesusâ?? name.
4. Lord, I am shielded from poverty and lack. You are my Shepherd, and I shall not want. Every need in my life is met according to Your riches in glory, in Jesusâ?? name.
5. Father, I am shielded from abandonment and loneliness. You will never leave me nor forsake me. I am never alone, in Jesusâ?? name.
6. Lord, open my eyes to see Your abundant provisions. Let me see the supply You have already made for every need in my life, in Jesusâ?? name.
7. Father, let Your Word be my shield today and always. I believe it, I speak it, and I obey it. Let Your Word perform what it says in my life, in Jesusâ?? name.

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