

Open Heaven 6 April 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 6 April 2025 devotional for today is **LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST VI**. 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 6 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST VI

MEMORISE

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.

2 Chronicles 7:1

READ: 1 Kings 18:30-39

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 6 APRIL 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, as I continue my discussion on the events of the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, I want to examine the implication of the fire that appeared and sat on each of the disciples.

In today's Bible reading, we see that Elijah's prayer that caused fire to fall from heaven was majorly filled with praises. In the atmosphere of praise, God answers prayers by fire. When the fire fell, idol worship stopped in the land. The reason the agenda of the devil appears to be thriving in certain places is that the necessary conditions for revival have not been met.

Another thing Elijah did before the fire fell in today's Bible reading was to repair the broken altar. When we repair our broken altars of prayer, praise, and worship, God's fire will fall. We cannot be lukewarm and expect God to send His fire. The disciples tarried in the upper room before God's fire fell – they were busy praying and setting the stage for His fire (Acts 2:1-2). After Elijah repaired the broken altar, he put the wood in order and prepared the sacrifice (1 Kings 18:33). We cannot be disorderly and expect God's fire to fall.

Elijah also asked the people to pour four barrels of water thrice on the sacrifice. Note that it hadn't rained for three and a half years; therefore, pouring such an amount of water was a huge sacrifice on its own. The people poured a scarce commodity in preparation for rain. No wonder God was in a hurry to send down His fire. Wherever God sees unusual sacrifice, He sends His fire. In 2 Chronicles 5, after completing the temple, Solomon gathered all the Levites, priests, and Israelites, and they sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told or numbered for multitude.

After this great sacrifice, God's presence filled the temple such that the priests could not stand to minister. Then, as soon as Solomon finished praying, fire fell from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices (2 Chronicles 7:1). God's fire of preservation, increase, and unusual miracles falls in atmospheres of prayer and sacrificial giving.

Beloved, do you desire God's fire? Don't hold back in giving Him your heart, time, and resources. Give sacrificially and pray consistently; you will be visited by the fire of God's power, provision, and glory.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, I will not withhold anything from You. Please help me to give sacrificially to attract Your fire, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Samuel 17-19

HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 6 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY

1. The Pentecostal Fire: A Symbol of God's Presence and Power

Today's devotional connects **the fire at Pentecost** (Acts 2:3) to **Elijah's fire** (1 Kings 18:38), highlighting its purpose:

- **To authenticate God's servants** (v. 36 – "Answer me, O Lord!").
- **To consume idolatry** (v. 40 – Baal's prophets were defeated).
- **To ignite revival** (2 Chronicles 7:1 – fire preceded glory).

Key Insight:

- Fire represents **God's holiness, power, and purifying presence**. Without it, the Church is powerless against darkness.

Application:

? **Pray for fresh fire** over your life, family, and church (Luke 3:16).

2. The Altar Principle: Repairing Broken Foundations

Elijah's first act was to **repair the broken altar** (1 Kings 18:30). This symbolizes:

- **Restoring prayer, praise, and worship** as priorities (Hosea 10:12).
- **Addressing spiritual leaks** (e.g., compromise, lukewarmness – Revelation 3:16).

Modern “Broken Altars”:

- **Neglected personal devotion** (no daily prayer/WORD time).
- **Halfhearted corporate worship** (form without power – 2 Timothy 3:5).

Action Step:

? **Identify one “broken altar” in your life (e.g., inconsistent Bible study) and repair it today.**

3. The Sacrifice That Provokes Fire

Open Heaven devotional for today emphasizes **three sacrificial acts that attract God's fire**:

a) Unusual Sacrifice (1 Kings 18:33-35)

- Elijah used **precious water during drought** ? God responded with fire.
- **Principle:** *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be”* (Matthew 6:21).

b) Lavish Giving (2 Chronicles 5:6)

- Solomon offered **countless animals** ? Fire fell.
- **Principle:** *“God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

c) Persistent Prayer (Acts 2:1-2)

- The disciples **tarried 10 days** ? Fire came.
- **Principle:** *“Pray without ceasing”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Warning:

- **No sacrifice = no fire.** A costless gospel produces powerless believers.
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4. The Outcome of Divine Fire

When God's fire falls, it brings:

1. **Divine Authentication**
 - Elijah's fire proved Yahweh as the true God (1 Kings 18:39).
2. **Supernatural Provision**

- Fire consumed the sacrifice, then rain came (v. 45) ? Breakthrough follows obedience.
3. **Corporate Transformation**
- At Pentecost, fire birthed the Church (Acts 2:41).

Personal Promise:

- “God’s fire will preserve you (Daniel 3:27), increase you (Isaiah 10:27), and work miracles through you (Mark 16:17-18).”
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5. How to Host the Fire

Today’s devotional outlines **practical steps to attract God’s fire**:

Step	Scripture	Action
Repent of compromise	Revelation 2:5	Confess/apologize for lukewarmness.
Give sacrificially	Malachi 3:10	Sow a “water-in-drought” offering.
Pray relentlessly	James 5:16-18	Start a prayer journal for revival.

Prayer:

“Lord, burn away my dross. Ignite my heart with holy fire! Let my life provoke revival in my generation!”

Final Thought: Your Altar Awaits His Flame

The same God who answered **by fire** at Carmel and Pentecost waits to respond **to your sacrifice**.

“Revival isn’t a prayer point. It’s a lifestyle of altar-building and surrender.”

Action Steps:

1. **Fast this week** to repair your “altar” of prayer.
2. **Give an extravagant offering** (time/money/talents) as a faith declaration.
3. **Testify** when breakthroughs come.

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