

Open Heaven 14 April 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 14 April 2025 devotional for today is LIVE BY GOD'S WORD. 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 14 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: LIVE BY GOD'S WORD

MEMORISE

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

READ: Matthew 4:1-11

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash

thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 14 APRIL 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

When I joined RCCG, we never gave offerings; we were told to only pay our tithes. when I asked why, I was told that it was because the congregation was a mixture of sinners and Christians, and we didn't want the money of sinners. wondered. "What about those of us who are Christians:

The bible says give, and you shall be given (Luke 6:38)." Little wonder we all remained poor in those days. So, even though we were not giving offerings in church, I was giving offerings to the pastors privately.

Also, in those days, when we sang choruses, we never clapped. I asked why, and I was told it was because clapping is worldly. You could never even bring up the topic of beating drums. There was no guitar, no trumpet, or any other musical instrument except the organ.

Everything was solemn. However, I said, "The Bible says clap your hands all ye people (Psalm 47:1)." The first time we started clapping our hands in RCCG, the elders called a meeting to discuss it! You can imagine what happened when introduced drums and the guitar.

Sometimes, we allow the traditions of men to dictate how we should live instead of God's word. God's word is His perfect blueprint for every area of life, and when you follow His word, you will enjoy life abundantly. Those who fail to live according to God's word will not experience the exceeding greatness of His power towards those who believe (Ephesians 1:19).

Jesus did not respond to the devil's temptations according to the philosophies and traditions of men. He overcame them because He stood on what was written in God's word (Matthew 4:1-11). He knew what was written and refused to live by anything less than that.

Do you know what is written? Do you know what God has said about your situation? Are you standing on God's word or man's report?

Whose report will you believe?

When the twelve spies went into Canaan to spy on the land, ten of them stood on what they had seen; only Joshua and Caleb stood on God's word (Numbers 13:26 – Numbers 14:9).

Truly, there were giants in the land, but God is greater than giants. It is true that the doctors can see sicknesses, but Jesus has paid the price for your health on the cross.

Beloved, make up your mind to live only by God's word, and you will experience His exceeding power in all areas of your life.

ACTION POINT:

Let God's word guide you in everything.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Kings 13-15

HYMN 3: ANCIENT WORDS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 14 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY

1. The Danger of Man-Made Traditions

The Open Heaven devotional for today opens with Pastor Adeboye's personal journey in RCCG, where **human traditions once stifled biblical practices**:

- **No Offerings:** Misguided fear of "sinners' money" contradicted Luke 6:38.
- **No Clapping/Drums:** Labeled "worldly" despite Psalm 47:1.

Key Insight:

- **Traditions become toxic when they override Scripture** (Mark 7:8-9).
- **Result:** Spiritual poverty (no offerings ? no blessings) and joyless worship (no clapping ? no celebration).

Application:

Audit your spiritual practices: Are they Bible-based or tradition-bound?

2. Jesus' Model: Victory Through Scripture

In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus countered Satan **three times** with:

1. **"It is written"** (v. 4) ? Rejecting compromise with God's Word.

2. **“It is written”** (v. 7) ? Refusing to test God’s promises.
3. **“It is written”** (v. 10) ? Rebuking shortcuts to glory.

Modern Parallels:

- **Health:** Believing Isaiah 53:5 over medical reports.
- **Finance:** Trusting Philippians 4:19 over economic forecasts.

Action Step:

Memorize 3 Scriptures to combat your current battles.

3. The Spies’ Report: Giants vs. God’s Promise

Today’s devotional contrasts **two responses to Canaan**:

- **10 Spies:** “We can’t” (Numbers 13:31-33) ? Focused on giants.
- **Joshua & Caleb:** “We can” (Numbers 14:7-9) ? Focused on God’s promise.

Key Lesson:

- **Your confession reveals your foundation** (Proverbs 18:21).
- **Tradition says “play it safe”; faith says “possess the land.”**

Prayer:

“Lord, silence every ‘giant-focused’ voice in my life. Align my speech with Your Word!”

4. The Power of Living by Scripture

Area	Tradition’s Lie	God’s Truth	Result
Worship	“Drums are worldly”	“Praise Him with timbrel” (Psalm 150:4)	Joyful freedom
Giving	“Don’t take sinners’ money”	“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)	Abundance
Healing	“Accept your sickness”	“By His stripes you are healed” (1 Pet. 2:24)	Divine health

Warning:

- **Traditions often disguise fear as piety** (e.g., RCCG’s early resistance to clapping).
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5. Prophetic Declarations for Word-Based Living

The devotional for today closes with charges to:

1. **Study Scripture Daily** (Joshua 1:8) ? “Good success” follows.
2. **Reject Defeatist Reports** (Numbers 13:30) ? Like Caleb, claim your Canaan.
3. **Speak God’s Word Boldly** (Matthew 4:4) ? Demons flee.

Stand on These Promises:

- *“The Word of God is living and powerful”* (Hebrews 4:12).
 - *“No word from God will ever fail”* (Luke 1:37).
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Final Thought: Your Life, God’s Blueprint

Daddy Adeboye’s reforms in RCCG prove:

- **When Scripture trumps tradition, revival follows.**
- **Your breakthrough begins where your obedience does.**

“God’s Word isn’t a suggestion—it’s your constitution. Live by it!”

Action Steps:

1. **Identify one tradition** in your life that contradicts Scripture and correct it.
 2. **Replace fear-based practices** with Word-based ones (e.g., clap if Psalm 47:1 says so!).
 3. **Testify** when God’s Word brings freedom.
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