

# **Description**

The Open Heaven 1 June 2025 devotional for today is A NEW NAME

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# **OPEN HEAVEN 1 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

**TOPIC: A NEW NAME** 

#### **MEMORISE**:

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Isaiah 62:2

#### **READ: Genesis 17:1-15**

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

- 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
- 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.
- 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

- 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
- 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
- 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- 9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.
- 10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.
- 11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.
- 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed
- 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
- 14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.
- 15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

## RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 1 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Many people are called by names they were not given at birth. They may not be called these names to their faces, but in their absence, people refer to them with those names. Sometimes, these names are not based on their good qualities but on qualities they are not proud of.

For example, in Mark 10:46-52, the Bible tells us about a blind man called Bartimaeus whom Jesus restored his sight. To date, however, people still refer to him as 'Blind Bartimaeus'. I don't know if people are currently calling you negative names, but I know that my God can change your story for good such that you won't have those negative qualities the world describes you by anymore, and they will have no other choice than to call you a new name.

Whenever God sees that a name is hindering His work in a fellow's life, He can change the name as He did with Abraham. Abraham was first called Abram, and although this name had a good meaning – exalted father – it didn't fully capture what God had in store for him.

Therefore, God had a conversation with him one day and said, "I want to make you a father of many nations, but your name is hindering Me from doing so. Henceforth, you will no longer be called Abram but Abraham because I have made you a father of many nations." God also changed the name of his wife from Sarai to Sarah, which was more suitable for the matriarch she was to become (Genesis 17:3-16).

When I was a lecturer at the University of Lagos, a typist, whom everyone jokingly called 'Prof', made a

life changing decision. He said to himself, "I am a typist, but everyone calls me 'prof'. I will indeed become a professor." He started taking evening classes, and after a while, he wrote his exams and gained admission into the University of Lagos. Before I left the University of Lagos, the typist was already studying for his Ph.D. He made up his mind to truly change his name and not to remain a joke.

Beloved, you can also make up your mind to have a brand new beginning by surrendering all to God and asking Him to change any negative name that is hindering His glory from being manifested in your life. I pray that God will turn around any negative situation that men define you by and fill your life with joy and laughter, in Jesus' name.

## **OPEN HEAVEN 1 JUNE 2025 PRAYER POINT**

Father, please change every name that might be hindering Your glory from manifesting in my life, in Jesus' name.

### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Job 21-24

**HYMN 25: THE GREAT PHYSICIANS NOW IS NEAR** 

# **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 1 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY**

#### The Power of a Name

Names carry weight—they shape identity, influence destiny, and sometimes reflect the condition of a person's life. Many people are called names they did not receive at birth. Some are labeled based on their struggles, failures, or limitations. But God has the power to rewrite your story and give you a new name that reflects His purpose for your life.

# **Negative Labels and God's Transforming Power**

Today's devotional highlights the story of **Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)**, a blind man whom Jesus healed. Despite his healing, people still referred to him as "Blind Bartimaeus." This shows how past struggles can stick as labels, even after God has moved.

Perhaps you've been called names like:

- "Failure"
- "Unlucky"

- "Barren"
- "Poor"
- "Rejected"

But God can change your story so dramatically that people will have no choice but to call you by a new name—one that reflects His glory.

## **Biblical Examples of Name Changes**

- 1. Abram to Abraham (Genesis 17:5)
  - Abram meant "exalted father," but Abraham meant "father of many nations." God didn't just change his name—He expanded his destiny.
- 2. Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
  - Sarai meant "my princess," but Sarah meant "mother of nations." God was setting her up for a greater purpose.

When God changes a name, He changes a destiny.

## A Personal Testimony: From "Typist" to "Professor"

Daddy Adeboye shares a powerful testimony of a university typist whom people jokingly called "Prof." Instead of accepting it as a joke, he took it as a prophecy. He enrolled in evening classes, pursued his education, and eventually began his Ph.D. before the writer left the university.

**Lesson:** What are people calling you—jokingly or seriously? Could it be a divine prophecy? Don't let negative labels define you. Let them motivate you to rise higher through Christ.

#### **How to Receive Your New Name**

- 1. **Surrender to God** Let Him redefine your life.
- 2. Renounce Negative Labels Reject every name that doesn't align with God's purpose.
- 3. Claim God's Promises Declare His Word over your life (Isaiah 62:2).
- 4. **Pursue Your New Identity** Like the typist, take practical steps toward your God-given destiny.

## **Prayer Point**

"Father, change every negative name attached to my life. Rewrite my story so that the world will see Your glory in me. Give me a new name that reflects Your purpose, in Jesus' name. Amen."

#### Conclusion

God doesn't see you by your past or present struggles. He sees you through the lens of His promises. If He changed Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel, and Saul to Paul, He can change your name too. Step into your new identity in Christ!

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