

Open Heaven 3 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 3 June 2025 devotional for today is PRAISE: A WEAPON OF WAR.

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OPEN HEAVEN 3 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: PRAISE: A WEAPON OF WAR

MEMORISE:

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Isaiah 25:1

READ: 2 Chronicles 20:1-28

1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah

they came to seek the Lord.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court,

6 And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay

and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the Lord.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 3 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Praise is a weapon that turns situations men have already tagged 'hopeless' into joyful ones. In today's Bible reading, three mighty nations came against Jehoshaphat and the children of Judah. It was a seemingly hopeless situation, but God instructed Jehoshaphat to leave every weapon behind and put the singers at the battlefront to give praises to Him. Interestingly, the enemies destroyed each other, and all the children of Judah needed to do was take away the treasures the three great armies brought along with them to the battle.

When Paul and Silas were thrown into prison unjustly, they engaged the weapon of praise. As they praised God, their chains fell off, and the prison doors opened (Acts 16:25- 26). I pray in the name above every name, as you engage the weapon of praise, every situation tagged hopeless in your life will be turned around for your good. The Lord will turn your mourning into dancing and fill you with joy, in Jesus' name.

In Joshua 6:2-5, the city of Jericho was shut in as a means of protection from the Israelites, and the only available option was to mount a siege that could last for months. God, however, gave Joshua a strategy that made the wall of Jericho fall down without any physical weapon within seven days. When the people shouted loudly after the priests blew the trumpet, the wall fell down flat (Joshua 6:20). If you are faced with a challenge of any kind and you are yet to get results even after fasting and praying, then you should praise God. When everything else fails, praise will not. Praise attracts God's presence; He inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

When we praise God, we transfer our battles to Him, and He arises on our behalf.

Praise creates a joyful atmosphere around us, and it is with joy that we draw solutions and answers out of the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). As long as the enemy can keep a fellow sorrowful, he can steal his or her miracles. As long as Hannah was in bitterness of soul, her womb remained closed. However, the moment she arose, wiped her tears, and became joyful, the Lord remembered her (1 Samuel 1:10-19).

Beloved, are you expecting anything from the Lord? Do you desire a change in your circumstances? Stop whining, complaining, and wearing a sorrowful countenance. Engage the weapon of praise, and my God will remember you and bless you, in Jesus' name.

OPEN HEAVEN 3 JUNE 2025 KEY POINT

When everything else fails, try praise.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Job 31-34

HYMN 1: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 3 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY

Praise as a Divine Weapon

In spiritual warfare, praise is not just an act of worship—it is a **powerful weapon** that confuses the enemy, dismantles strongholds, and releases divine intervention. When human strength fails, praise invites God's presence to fight on our behalf.

1. Praise Turns Hopeless Situations Around

A. The Story of Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:1-28)

- Three powerful armies (Moab, Ammon, and Mount Seir) came against Judah.
- Jehoshaphat was afraid but sought God in prayer and fasting (v.3).
- God's response: *"The battle is not yours, but God's"* (v.15).
- **Divine Strategy:** Instead of sending soldiers, Jehoshaphat sent **praise singers** ahead of the army (v.21).
- **Result:** The enemy armies turned on each other, and Judah only had to gather the spoils (v.22-24).

Lesson:

- When faced with impossible battles, **praise shifts the fight from your hands to God's**.
- God fights differently—sometimes without you lifting a finger (Exodus 14:14).

B. Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:25-26)

- Beaten and imprisoned unjustly, they **prayed and sang praises** at midnight.
- **Result:**
 - Earthquake shook the prison.
 - Chains fell off.
 - Doors opened supernaturally.

Lesson:

- Praise in the **darkest hour** triggers divine intervention.
- Your worship can break **spiritual and physical chains**.

2. Praise Brings Down Strongholds (Joshua 6:2-5)

- Jericho's walls were impenetrable, but God's strategy was **unconventional**:
 - March around the city for **7 days**.
 - On the **7th day**, shout after the trumpet blast.
- **Result:** The walls collapsed without a single weapon used (Joshua 6:20).

Lesson:

- Some battles are won not by **fighting harder** but by **praising louder**.
- Praise dismantles **invisible barriers** (2 Corinthians 10:4).

3. Praise Creates a Climate for Miracles

A. God Inhabits Praise (Psalm 22:3)

- When we praise, God **dwells in our midst**, shifting atmospheres.

B. Joy Releases Answers (Isaiah 12:3)

- *"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."*
- **Hannah's Example (1 Samuel 1:10-19):**
 - She was **broken and weeping**—her womb remained closed.
 - When she **stopped mourning and worshipped**, God opened her womb.

Lesson:

- The enemy tries to keep you in **sorrow** to block your miracle.
- **Praise shifts your focus from the problem to God's power.**

4. Practical Steps to Engage the Weapon of Praise

1. **Praise Before the Breakthrough** (Like Paul & Silas).
2. **Praise Instead of Complaining** (Like Jehoshaphat).

3. **Praise with Expectation** (Like Joshua at Jericho).
4. **Praise with Joy** (Like Hannah after her prayer).

Prayer Declaration

“Father, I lift my voice in praise today! I refuse to be discouraged. As I worship You, let every chain break, every wall fall, and every enemy scatter. Turn my mourning into dancing and fill my mouth with testimonies, in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Conclusion

Praise is not just a response to victory—it is a **pathway to victory**. When you don’t know what else to do, **PRAISE GOD!** Your worship will confuse the enemy, attract God’s presence, and release supernatural breakthroughs.

Key Takeaways for Reflection:

Praise is warfare. It disarms the enemy.

God fights differently. He works while you worship.

Joy activates miracles. Don’t let sorrow steal your breakthrough.

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