


# Open Heaven 3 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

## Description

The Open Heaven 3 October 2026 devotional for today is DONâ??T HARDEN YOUR HEART.

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# OPEN HEAVENS 3 OCTOBER 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

## TOPIC: DONâ??T HARDEN YOUR HEART

**MEMORISE:**

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
Proverbs 28:14

**READ:** Psalm 95:8-11

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

# RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 3 OCTOBER 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

There is great danger in hardening oneâ??s heart to the word of God. In Revelation 2:7, the Bible says, â??He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churchesâ?¦â?• In todayâ??s world, many people are unwilling to listen to Godâ??s word, especially when it condemns their wrongdoings. They mock and neglect genuine men of God and despise Godâ??s ordinances. They are usually found in churches where sin is not condemned and where ungodly doctrines are taught. The Bible tells us that such people are at risk of eternal damnation if they refuse to heed His word (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

Many professing Christians pick only what favours them from Godâ??s word. However, what they do not know is that they cannot experience the fullness of God when they choose only what they want to hear from Him. In fact, many times, the things that position us for Godâ??s blessings are the things we do not want to hear or experience. It was the shame and the cross that positioned Jesus for glory (Hebrews 12:2). Also, in Josephâ??s case, it was the pit and the prison that positioned him for the palace.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the word of God is â??quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrowâ?¦â?• Godâ??s word convicts; it does not condemn. Whenever a fellow hears Godâ??s word and it pierces through his or her heart, such a person should not get offended. Instead, he or she should see it as an opportunity to be corrected and transformed.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Acts 2:37-38

In the Scripture above, Peter preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to some people in Jerusalem, and they were convicted in their hearts. Following their conviction, they became saved and were baptised (Acts 2:41). Beloved, when you hear Godâ??s word, do not harden your heart. Let His word convict, correct, and instruct you so that you will be thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**PRAYER POINT**

Father, please give me a teachable heart that is quick
to receive and obey Your word, in Jesusâ?? name.

**BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Matthew 5-6

**HYMN:** Ancient Words

# OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 3 OCTOBER 2026 COMMENTARY

The Open Heaven devotional for today, titled **â??Donâ??t Harden Your Heart,â?•** delivers a sober warning that every believer needs to hear â?? especially in these last days. Grounded in Psalm 95:8-11, Proverbs 28:14, and Hebrews 4:12, it calls us to keep our hearts soft and tender before God, always ready to receive His word â?? even when it corrects us.

Daddy makes it clear from the outset: there is great danger in hardening your heart to the word of God. In a generation where many only want to hear messages that make them feel good, this word is a timely wake-up call. The Word of God is not designed to merely tickle our ears â?? it is designed to transform our lives. But transformation only happens when we receive it with humility.

## 1. The Danger of Selective Hearing

Daddy opens with a piercing observation: many people today are unwilling to listen to Godâ??s word, especially when it condemns their wrongdoings. They mock and neglect genuine men of God. They despise Godâ??s ordinances. And significantly, they are usually found in churches where sin is not condemned and where ungodly doctrines are taught.

The Bible tells us that such people are at risk of eternal damnation if they refuse to heed His word (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). This is serious, beloved. It is not just about missing a blessing â?? it is about missing eternity.
The Word of God is not a buffet where you pick only what you like. It is a full meal designed to nourish every area of your life. It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim 4:16)

## 2. The Blessings Hidden in What You Donâ??t Want to Hear

Daddy shares a powerful truth: many professing Christians pick only what favours them from Godâ??s word. However, what they do not know is that they cannot experience the fullness of God when they choose only what they want to hear from Him.
In fact, many times, the things that position us for Godâ??s blessings are the things we do not want to hear or experience.

Think about it. It was the shame and the cross that positioned Jesus for glory (Hebrews 12:2). It was the pit and the prison that positioned Joseph for the palace. The path to the throne always passes through the valley. The path to the crown always passes through the cross.
The word that pricks you is often the word that promotes you.

## 3. Conviction Is Not Condemnation

Daddy brings us to Hebrews 4:12:
Godâ??s word convicts; it does not condemn. There is a difference. Conviction draws you closer to God and leads to repentance.
Condemnation pushes you away from God and leads to shame and despair. Whenever a fellow hears Godâ??s word and it pierces through his or her heart, such a person should not get offended. Instead, he or she should see it as an opportunity to be corrected and transformed.

If the word pricks you, donâ??t run from it. Run to God with it. Conviction is not your enemy; it is your friend. It is the Holy Spirit loving you enough to tell you the truth.

## 4. The Right Response to Conviction

In Acts 2:37-38, Peter preached the gospel to a crowd in Jerusalem, and the Bible says they were *â??pricked in their heart.â?•* They did not get angry. They did not walk away. They did not accuse Peter of being judgmental. Instead, they asked, *â??Men and brethren, what shall we do?â?•*

Peterâ??s response was simple: *â??Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.â?•*

And what happened? About three thousand souls were saved that day (Acts 2:41). Their soft hearts led to salvation â?? not just for them, but for thousands of others.

## Relating This to Your Everyday Life

It is easy to harden our hearts without even realizing it. We hear a sermon and feel convicted, but we push it to the back of our minds. We read a scripture that challenges us, but we close the Bible and forget about it. We have a friend who gently corrects us, but we get defensive and distance ourselves from them.

Hardening your heart is not a dramatic event. It is a slow, subtle process. And it happens every time you hear Godâ??s voice and choose not to respond.
Do not be like Rehoboam who â??did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lordâ?• (2 Chr 12:14).

## Action Steps

**1. Examine Your Heart Today** â?? Ask yourself honestly: *â??Is there any area of my life where I have been resisting Godâ??s word?â?•* Write it down. Acknowledge it. Bring it before God.

**2. Respond to the Last Conviction You Ignored** â?? Think back to the last time God pricked your heart about something. What did He tell you to do? Did you obey? If not, do it today. Donâ??t delay.

**3. Pray for a Tender Heart Daily** â?? Make it a daily prayer: *â??Lord, keep my heart soft. Donâ??t let me become hardened to Your voice. Teach me to receive correction with joy and to obey immediately.â?•*

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### Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You with all my heart for Your Word that corrects, instructs, and transforms. I bless You for loving me enough to speak truth into my life, in Jesusâ?? name.

2. Lord, forgive me for the times I have hardened my heart to Your voice. Forgive me for resisting correction and ignoring Your conviction, in Jesusâ?? name.

3. Father, give me a soft and teachable heart. Let me never become so familiar with Your Word that it no longer pricks my conscience, in Jesusâ?? name.

4. Lord, deliver me from the spirit of selective hearing. Help me to receive Your Word in its fullness â?? even the parts that are uncomfortable, in Jesusâ?? name.

5. Father, let every conviction in my heart lead to repentance and transformation. Do not let me be a hearer of the Word only, but a doer also, in Jesusâ?? name.

6. Lord, remove every hardness of heart caused by sin, pride, offense, or delay. Soften me with Your Spirit and make me sensitive to Your voice again, in Jesusâ?? name.

7. Father, as I hear Your Word today, give me the grace to respond immediately. Let me be like the three thousand souls in Acts 2 who received the Word with joy and were saved, in Jesusâ?? name.

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