

Open Heaven 1 April 2025 Devotional: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST I

Description

The Open Heaven 1 April 2025 devotional for today is LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST I. 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 1 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST I

MEMORISE

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

READ: Acts 1:12-14

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 1 APRIL 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

The first time the Holy Ghost came to dwell in man was on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-12. Jesus had told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost (Luke 24:49). The day of Pentecost and the events that followed defined Christianity forever. If only there could be a repeat of that day in churches all over the world; oh, what a revival that will be.

There was a similar experience in Azusa, USA, in 1906, and up until today, people are still talking about that revival. For the next few days, I will be examining what happened on the day of Pentecost and the implications of the events of that day.

One major thing you must note is that the disciples were in an upper room – they were separated from the rest of the world. While everyone around them was enjoying the Passover feast, they were in a different realm, praying, fasting, and yearning to go deeper in the Lord. If we are to experience a repeat of that day, Christians must learn to live separately from the world (2 Corinthians 6:14).

You cannot be engrossed in the pursuit of material things like the rest of the world and expect the Holy Spirit to descend on you and manifest through you as He did on the day of Pentecost. You cannot expect to carry the power of the Holy Ghost when your eyes are focused on worldly things. What you behold is what you will eventually become (2 Corinthians 3:18). You cannot love the world and claim to also love God (1 John 2:15). You cannot keep listening to worldly music and expect to be filled with the Holy Spirit. What you listen to greatly impacts your life, and faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17).

In the upper room, the disciples were not distracted by mundane things. Their eyes, representing their focus, were single, causing them to be filled with light (Matthew 6:22). Their desire was to wait for the promise of the Father, and they did this wholeheartedly. To receive and manifest the Holy Spirit's power, you must seek God wholeheartedly.

Only those who seek God with all their hearts and souls find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). Only those who separate themselves from sin and distractions will receive the Holy Spirit's power, like on the day of Pentecost. Beloved, God wants you to be separate because you are His (2 Corinthians 6:17) and not of this world (John 15:19).

ACTION POINT:

Let go of distractions and everything that can keep you from being filled with the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Samuel 1-3

HYMN 7: I AM THINE O LORD

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 1 APRIL 2025 TODAY COMMENTARY

1. The Pentecost Paradigm: A Model for Revival

Open Heaven devotional for today begins by highlighting **the first indwelling of the Holy Spirit** in believers at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). This event:

- **Defined New Testament Christianity** transitioning from law to grace, fear to power.
- **Birthing the Church's missionary zeal** (Acts 1:8 ? Acts 2:41 – 3,000 saved in one day).

Key Insight:

- Pentecost wasn't a one-time event but **a pattern for spiritual empowerment**.
- **Azusa Street Revival (1906)** mirrored Pentecost, proving God repeats His moves when conditions are met.

Application:

? **Pray for a fresh Pentecost in your life/church.**

? **Study revival histories (e.g., Wales 1904, Hebrides 1949) to discern God's patterns.**

2. The Upper Room Principle: Separation for Impartation

The disciples' preparation teaches:

1. Physical Separation:

- They stayed in the upper room, **distanced from Passover festivities** (Acts 1:13-14).
- **Principle:** *"Come out from among them and be separate"* (2 Corinthians 6:17).

2. Spiritual Focus:

- **Prayer and fasting** replaced worldly distractions (v. 14).
- **Unity** ("with one accord") preceded the outpouring (Acts 2:1).

Modern Parallels:

- **Social media/news addiction vs. pursuit of God's presence.**
- **Materialism vs. kingdom priorities** (Matthew 6:33).

Warning:

- *"You cannot love the world and God"* (1 John 2:15). Compromise dilutes power.

Action Step:

? Fast from distractions (e.g., entertainment) for 3 days to seek God.

3. The Cost of Spiritual Power

The devotional outlines **non-negotiable conditions for Pentecostal power**:

Requirement	Biblical Support	Modern Application
Holiness	2 Corinthians 6:14-18	Reject sinful habits/associations
Focused Desire	Matthew 6:22	Prioritize God's presence over pleasures
Word-Centeredness	Romans 10:17	Replace worldly music/media with Scripture
Unity	Acts 2:1	Resolve conflicts in the church/family

Key Quote:

"What you behold is what you become" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Prayer:

"Lord, purify my gaze. Fix my eyes on You alone!"

4. The Reward of Wholehearted Seeking

God promises:

- *"You will seek Me and find Me when you search with all your heart"* (Jeremiah 29:13).
- **Pentecost was birthed from 10 days of relentless seeking** (Acts 1:14 ? 2:1-4).

Personal Testimony (Adeboye's Implication):

- **Revival comes when believers emulate the upper room:**
 - **Sacrificial prayer** (Colossians 4:2).
 - **Radical obedience** (John 14:15).

Encouragement:

- Your "upper room" (prayer closet, small group) can become a **power hub**.
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5. A Prophetic Call to the Modern Church

Today's devotional sounds an urgent alarm:

- **Worldliness in the church has quenched the Spirit's power** (1 Thessalonians 5:19).
- **Solution:** Return to Pentecostal purity and passion.

3 Steps to Personal Pentecost:

1. **Repent** of compromise (Revelation 2:5).
2. **Separate** from sinful/distracting influences.
3. **Tarry** in prayer until empowered (Luke 24:49).

Declaration:

"I choose separation over assimilation. Fill me afresh, Holy Spirit!"

Final Thought: You Are a Candidate for Power!

The same Spirit who fell at Pentecost **lives in you** (1 Corinthians 3:16). Your obedience triggers His manifestation.

Prayer of Consecration:

"Father, I surrender every distraction. Prepare me as You did the upper room disciples. Baptize me in fresh power for global witness, in Jesus' name. Amen."

"Your 'upper room' season of separation will birth your 'Pentecost' of power!"

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