

Open Heaven 14 September 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 14 September 2026 devotional for today is PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL II.

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TOPIC: PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL II

MEMORISE:

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 14:11

READ: Ezekiel 28:12-19

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

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I had a friend who was a brilliant judge. Though we were close, he had one weakness â?? pride. Many years ago, I was travelling to Abuja, and I saw him coming out of the plane I was going to board with two people standing to his left and right. I approached him to greet him warmly, but he just looked at me and said, â??Who is this?â?• I replied,

â??Hello, itâ??s me, Adeboye, your friend.â?• Then, one of the people standing by him whispered to me, â??He has lost his memory.â?• I was told that he couldnâ??t remember who he was or even recognise any of his children. Everything was gone just like that.

Anyone who allows pride into his or her heart will suffer the same fate as the devil. Todayâ??s Bible reading tells us that he was full of wisdom, perfect in beauty, and in his ways until iniquity was found in him. That iniquity was revealed in verse 17: his heart was lifted up because of his beauty, and he corrupted his wisdom because of his brightness.
Pride was found in him, and, as expected, it led to his downfall.

God desires to share His wisdom and brilliance with men, but many times, people donâ??t last in the lofty positions He places them in because of pride.

Isaiah 14:12-19 tells us how Lucifer became proud: he wanted to exalt himself above God. In those few verses, the word â?? is repeated many times. This is one way to tell if you are becoming proud or not.

When life becomes all about you, your achievements, the things you can do, how you are better than others, and why you must be honoured and exalted, then pride has already crept into your heart. If that is the case, you must repent immediately because pride has only one agenda in peopleâ??s lives: to bring them down (Proverbs 16:18).

Beloved, you must recognise that there is a God who can lift you up and also bring you down. You must also recognise that it is not by strength that any man prevails. Lamentations 3:22 says that it is of the Lordâ??s mercies that we are not consumed. It is because of His mercy that you and are still here.
If you are humble, God will give you grace. If you are proud, He will resist you (James 4:6). The choice is yours. Choose wisely!

ACTION POINT

Choose humility and shun pride.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Hosea 1-4

Open Heavens HYMN 34: YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

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In this sobering continuation of the theme, Pastor Adeboye addresses how stealthy and devastating pride can be to our lives and ministries.

Daddy bases todayâ??s teaching on **Luke 14:11**, delivering a timeless spiritual truth: anyone who tries to exalt themselves will eventually be humbled, but the one who remains humble will be lifted up by God.

Understanding the Message: The Danger of â??Iâ?•

1. The Anointed Cherubâ??s Error
Using **Ezekiel 28:12-19**, Pastor reminds us of the tragedy of Lucifer. Lucifer was created perfect in beauty, filled with wisdom, and covered in every precious stone. He was the anointed cherub on Godâ??s holy mountain. But his heart became lifted up because of his beauty, and he corrupted his wisdom because of his brightness.

Daddy points to **Isaiah 14:12-19** to highlight how Luciferâ??s heart fell. His rebellion was driven by a self-absorbed focus, marked by the constant repetition of the word â??Iâ?•. As **Daddy** explains, whenever life becomes entirely about you, your achievements, and why you must be honoured above others, pride has secretly taken over. Pride has only one ultimate goal: to bring you down (**Proverbs 16:18**).

2. The Brilliant Judge: A Modern Warning
To show us how quickly everything can be lost when pride creeps in, Daddy shares a heartbreaking story about a close friend who was a highly brilliant judge. Meeting him at an airport many years ago, Pastor greeted him warmly. Shockingly, his friend just stared and asked, â??Who is this?â?•.

The brilliant judge had suddenly lost his memory entirelyâ??he could no longer remember his identity or even recognise his own children. This tragedy is a stark reminder that we do not prevail by our own strength. It is purely by **Godâ??s mercy** that we are preserved and not consumed (**Lamentations 3:22**).

Relating This to Your Everyday Life
It is incredibly easy to slide into the â??Iâ?• trap in our modern lives:

- **The Workplace:** We often say, â??I secured this contract,â?• or â??My intellectual capacity saved this project.â?•
- **The Family:** We boast, â??I am the reason my children are so well-behaved.â?•

But we must remember two scriptures not found in the devotional:

- **Deuteronomy 8:17-18:** God warns us never to say, *â??My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth,â?•* but to remember that He is the one who gives us the power to get wealth.
- **1 Peter 5:5-6:** *â??God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.â?•*

Every gift you haveâ??your intellect, your beauty, and your statusâ??is delegated. If God withdraws His breath for a second, all of it vanishes.

Action Steps

1. **Monitor Your â??Iâ?• Count:** Listen to your conversations. If your sentences are filled with â??I did thisâ?• and â??I achieved that,â?• consciously pause and give God the credit.
2. **Cultivate Daily Gratitude:** Start your morning by listing things you did not earn but were given by mercy (your health, your family, your sanity).
3. **Choose the Low Place:** Actively seek opportunities to serve others behind the scenes, without seeking public recognition or applause.

Prayer Points

1. Father, forgive me for every area of my life where I have silently taken credit for Your goodness, grace, and blessings, in Jesusâ?? name.
2. Lord, deliver me from the spirit of â??I, me, and myselfâ?•; consume every root of self-exaltation in my heart, in Jesusâ?? name.
3. Father, keep me from the trap of the devil; let my talents, beauty, and successes never become the tools for my downfall, in Jesusâ?? name.
4. Father, clothe me with a spirit of deep humility so that I will always enjoy Your grace rather than face Your divine resistance, in Jesusâ?? name.
5. Father, help me to always remember where You brought me from, so that my life will forever point men back to Your glory, in Jesusâ?? name.

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