

Open Heaven 8 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 8 May 2025 devotional for today is WHEN GOD WANTS TO BLESS.

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TOPIC: WHEN GOD WANTS TO BLESS

MEMORISE

And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Job 42:10

READ: Job 42:10-17

10 And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

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When God really wants to bless someone, He will go to any length to bless the fellow. In Job 1:8, God asked the devil if he had considered Job. You would think that God just wanted to boast about Job, but by the time you get to the end of Job's story, you will realise that God was looking for an avenue to bless him with double the things he had already, as we see in Job 42:10: "...the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before." God wanted to bless Job, but He also wanted him to pass through a process that would prove that he was deserving of the blessing.

In Genesis 32:24-29, the Bible tells us that Jacob was left alone to wrestle with a Man until the break of the day. When the Man (who was actually a representation of God) could not defeat him, He touched his leg and dislocated it. Jacob kept wrestling, and the Man had to beg him to let him go. However, Jacob said that he would not do so until he received a blessing, which he eventually got. Clearly, it was an arrangement made by God, as Jacob could ordinarily not have overpowered the man. When God wants to bless you, He can do certain things that seem strange and might not make sense to you or anyone around you. I pray for you today that God will intentionally determine to bless you in this season, in Jesus' name.

When God wanted to bless me, He led me to a small church in a little corner of Ebute Metta in Lagos, Nigeria. At that time, I was the most educated person in the church, the church auditorium was uncomfortable, and really, I had every reason not to stay. My spiritual father did not go to school, but I was a PhD holder! It looked as if it was only the church that was benefitting from my presence there, but in truth, I was the one who was to benefit by staying where God asked me to stay so that I could fulfil my destiny.

When God wants to bless you, the ingredients He will put together to prepare that blessing may not look like it, but if you cooperate with Him, at the end of the day, you will enjoy His blessings in abundance. If you are willing to submit to His process, He will use every opportunity to decorate your life with His blessings.

KEY POINT

Submit yourself to God's process, and He will decorate your life with His blessings.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Chronicles 1-4

RCCG HYMN 26: THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

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Memorise: Job 42:10 (KJV)

This verse encapsulates God's ultimate purpose in Job's trials – not to destroy him, but to **double his blessings** through testing.

Bible Reading: Job 42:10-17 (KJV)

The passage details Job's **complete restoration** after his season of suffering, proving that **God's delays are not denials**.

Key Lessons from the Devotional:

1. God Initiates Tests to Prepare for Greater Blessings

- **Job's Case (Job 1:8-12):**
 - God **permitted** Satan's attacks to **refine** Job's character.
 - The test wasn't punishment but **preparation** for double blessings (Job 42:10).
- **Modern Application:**
 - Your current struggles may be **divine setup** for future elevation (James 1:2-4).

2. Blessings Often Come Through Unconventional Processes

- **Jacob's Wrestling Match (Genesis 32:24-28):**
 - God appeared as an "opponent" to **break Jacob's self-reliance** (hip dislocation).
 - The struggle produced **a new identity** ("Israel") and covenant blessing.
- **Daddy Adeboye's Testimony:**
 - Obedience to serve in a **humble church** positioned him for destiny.

- **Principle:** God's blessing paths often **defy human logic** (Isaiah 55:8-9).

3. Three Phases of Divine Blessing Preparation

1. **The Selection Phase (Job 1:8, Genesis 32:24)**
 - God **chooses** whom to bless and **allows** tests to qualify them.
2. **The Refining Phase (Job 23:10, Genesis 32:25)**
 - Trials remove:
 - *Pride* (Jacob's limp)
 - *Dependence on wealth* (Job's losses)
 - *Self-sufficiency* (Author's academic humility)
3. **The Release Phase (Job 42:10, Genesis 32:28)**
 - Blessings come **after** proven character (Romans 5:3-4).

4. Why God Uses Strange Methods

- To **eliminate fleshly dependence** (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- To **authenticate spiritual growth** (1 Peter 1:7)
- To **establish eternal perspectives** (2 Corinthians 4:17)

5. How to Cooperate With God's Process

1. **Recognize Tests as Love (Hebrews 12:6)**
 - Job's suffering was **proof** of God's investment in him.
2. **Persist Through Discomfort (James 1:12)**
 - Jacob refused to let go until blessed – **holy stubbornness**.
3. **Maintain Obedience in Small Things (Luke 16:10)**
 - The author's submission in a "small" church unlocked greater purpose.
4. **Bless Your "Tormentors" (Job 42:10)**
 - Job's **prayer for his critics** triggered his restoration.

Warning vs. Promise

- **Warning:** *"Resisting God's process forfeits His best (Hebrews 12:25)."*
 - **Promise:** *"Patient endurance inherits promises (Hebrews 6:12)."*
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Modern-Day Applications

For Those in Financial Strain

- Like Job, your **"losses"** may be prelude to **double restoration**.
- **Pray:** *"Lord, teach me to steward lack as preparation for abundance."*

For the Spiritually Weary

- Jacob's all-night wrestle mirrors **prolonged spiritual battles**.
- **Declare:** *"I won't let go until You bless me!"*

For the Overqualified Serving in "Small" Places

- Pastor Adeboye's PhD in a humble church proves:
 - **Divine positioning** > human credentials
 - **Obedience** precedes influence
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Conclusion: The Theology of Divine Setup

1. **God's blessings are intentional** – He engineers circumstances to qualify you.
 2. **The process is non-negotiable** – No cross, no crown (Matthew 16:24-25).
 3. **Your response determines your reward** – Will you trust the Potter's hands?
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Prayer Response

"Father, I surrender to Your refining process. Help me endure trials as Job, persist like Jacob, and obey like Your servant. I receive grace to emerge purified and doubly blessed. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Final Encouragement

"The same God who allowed your testing has already decreed your triumph."

Will you trust His process today?

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