

Open Heaven 28 September 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 28 September 2025 devotional for today is HIS WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS.

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TOPIC: HIS WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS

MEMORISE:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

READ: 2 Kings 6:1-7:

1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

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God's ways are beyond natural human comprehension. He can choose to make a donkey talk (Numbers 22:28), provide resources in unusual places (Matthew 17:27), and use a sworn enemy to arrange for a fellow's promotion at work like He used the Egyptians to sponsor the Israelites' journey in the wilderness (Exodus 12:36).

As a believer, don't think you can understand all of God's ways – all He requires from you is your faith and obedience. When you ask Him for something, you should do whatever He tells you to do and believe that He is more than able to meet your requests.

People who think that God is too slow and that they can handle things by themselves often get into trouble. Abraham learnt this the hard way when Sarah convinced him to help God by having a child through her servant (Genesis 16:2).

That single decision is the cause of some of the major problems in the world today. If God has said He will do something, He will do it to perfection; you cannot do it better than Him.

In today's Bible reading, the sons of the prophets wanted to build a bigger accommodation, and they came to tell Elisha. They decided to go beside the Jordan River to get wood for the construction, and while the others were excited to start the project, one of them asked Elisha to go with them.

Beloved, it is good to make plans and embark on projects. However, if you don't involve God in all you do, your 'welllaid-out plans' can crumble. This was what happened to the sons of the prophets. While they were happily cutting down wood and gathering it for their building project, they suddenly had a setback.

One of them had borrowed an axe, and while cutting wood with it, the axe-head fell into the water. Apart from negatively affecting the completion timeline of the project, this setback also meant that they had incurred some debt because the axe was borrowed. Thank God one of them had earlier involved Elisha. He simply asked them where the axe-head fell, cut down a stick, and threw it into the water.

What happened next cannot be explained by science; the stick sank, and the heavy axe head swam.

God's ways are not man's ways, and only a fool will always try to explain how God works.

When it comes to relating with God, faith and obedience is all He expects of you because His ways are past finding out.

ACTION POINT

You cannot always understand God's ways. All you need to do is believe in Him.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Zechariah 1-5

HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

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MEMORISE: Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

This scripture establishes the infinite gap between divine and human intelligence. God's methods, timing, and strategies are fundamentally different from and superior to our own. It calls for a posture of humility and trust, acknowledging that we cannot always comprehend His plans but can always trust His character.

BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 6:1-7 (KJV)

This passage narrates a seemingly minor miracle with profound implications. The loss of the axe head was a significant financial and practical setback. Elisha's solution—throwing a stick into the water to make the iron axe head float—defied all natural laws (density, gravity). It was an utterly illogical act that produced a supernatural result, demonstrating that God's solutions are not bound by human logic or scientific possibility.

The Incomprehensibility of God's Methods

Daddy Adeboye's message centers on a foundational truth: God operates in ways that often confound human reasoning. The examples given—a talking donkey, money in a fish's mouth, and provision from enemies—are all biblical accounts where God used the unexpected, unusual, and impossible to achieve His purposes. This teaches us that we should never limit God to working within the confines of our understanding or preferred methods.

The Peril of “Helping” God

The devotional uses Abraham and Sarah’s mistake with Hagar (Genesis 16) as a grave warning against impatience and self-reliance. Their attempt to “help” God fulfill His promise resulted in Ishmael, whose lineage became a perpetual source of conflict. The interpretation is stark: **“You cannot do it better than Him.”** When we grow impatient with God’s timing and resort to human schemes, we often create problems far greater than the one we were trying to solve.

The Necessity of Involving God

The story of the sons of the prophets provides the positive model. They had a good plan (to build), but one among them had the wisdom to involve Elisha, the man of God. This proved to be their salvation when crisis struck. The application is clear: **“It is good to make plans... however, if you don’t involve God in all you do, your ‘well-laid-out plans’ can crumble.”** Involving God is not a mere formality; it is the essential factor that determines whether a project succeeds or fails when unforeseen setbacks occur.

The Supernatural in the Setback

The axe head falling into the water represents the unexpected crises that threaten to derail our lives and dreams—a financial loss, a health diagnosis, a relational breakdown. The miracle was not in preventing the problem but in providing a supernatural solution *in the midst of it*. God’s way was not to stop the axe head from falling, but to reverse the laws of nature to recover it. This shows that God is not just the God of prevention; He is the God of redemption and restoration in the middle of our mess.

The Response: Faith and Obedience

Since God’s ways are “past finding out,” our primary responsibility is not to understand, but to trust and obey. The stick Elisha threw made no logical sense, but obedience to the prophetic instruction released the miracle. God does not require us to comprehend His instructions before we obey them. He requires faith that believes He knows what He is doing, even when it seems foolish to the natural mind (1 Corinthians 1:25).

Pray this:

“Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that Your thoughts and ways are infinitely higher than mine. Forgive me for the times I have limited You to my understanding and tried to ‘help’ You with my own flawed strategies. I surrender my plans, my timing, and my methods to You. I invite You into every project and decision in my life. Give me the faith to trust You even when I don’t understand Your ways. Help me to obey Your instructions promptly and completely, without questioning or rationalizing. When setbacks come, remind me that You are the God of the supernatural turnaround. I choose to rely not on my own understanding, but to trust in You with all my heart. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Action Steps:

1. **Inventory Your Plans:** List the major plans or projects you are currently working on (career,

family, financial, ministry).

2. **Formally Invite God:** Pray over each one, specifically inviting God's guidance and involvement. Say, "Lord, this is Your project, not mine. Lead me."
3. **Identify Your "Axe Head":** What is a current setback or loss that seems impossible to recover from? Bring it to God in prayer.
4. **Listen for Unusual Instructions:** Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. He may lead you to do something that seems illogical (like throwing a stick in the water). Be prepared to obey in faith.
5. **Renounce Self-Reliance:** Make a conscious decision to reject impatience and the urge to force solutions. Commit to waiting on God's perfect timing and method.

Remember: Your inability to understand God's process does not negate His power. Your role is not to figure it out, but to faith it out. The God who made iron swim is more than able to solve your problem in a way that will leave no doubt about His power and glory. Trust His strange ways. Your miracle may be hidden in an instruction that makes no sense to your natural mind.

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