

Open Heavens 17 November 2026 Todayâ??s Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 17 November 2026 devotional for today is PRESERVING GENERATIONS.

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TOPIC: PRESERVING GENERATIONS

MEMORISE:

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
Psalm 145:4

READ: Deuteronomy 6:5-9

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 17 NOVEMBER 2026 TODAYâ??S MESSAGE

When the devil attacks the child of someone who is doing the Lordâ??s work, it is because he has discovered that he cannot stop the fellow from doing the work of God, so he tries all he can to prevent the next generation from continuing that work.

In 2 Kings 4:8-32, I believe the devil recognised that the great woman of Shunem was someone with a large heart. He also saw that she was someone who had the willingness to spend for God, so he planned to make her childless. However, because of her generosity towards Elisha, Godâ??s prophet, the devilâ??s plan for her life was thwarted, and she gave birth to a son. Despite that, the devil did not stop his schemes over her life; he tried to cut the childâ??s life short. I believe he took the life of the child because he just couldnâ??t bear to see the good works of his mother continue. God, however, proved Himself mighty; He used the same prophet Elisha to raise the boy from the dead.

As a believer, the devil begins to fear whenever your offspring starts to do the things that you are doing for God, and even more. Unfortunately, many believers donâ??t even train their children to join them in the Lordâ??s work, let alone continue it when they are gone. Samuel was someone whom God began using from a very young age. He was dedicated to God by his parents as a young child (1 Samuel 1:21-28), and he grew up to be a prophet and a mighty vessel for the Lord (1 Samuel 3). However, the devil saw that he had such a special place in Godâ??s heart and was used mightily by Him. He didnâ??t want the great works Samuel did for the Lord to be passed on to generations, so he decided to corrupt his children and made them deviate from the ways of the Lord (1 Samuel 8:1-5).

Beloved, do you have zeal for the Lordâ??s work, and will your children emulate you? Will they continue in your footsteps and do even greater works for God after you are gone? If you want to preserve your generations, especially in the will of God, you must ensure that your children encounter Jesus. You must invite Jesus into your home so that He can have an encounter with your children. You may not know it, but your childrenâ??s personal encounter with God will have a huge impact on their lives.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, let my children (born or yet to be born) have an
encounter with You that will mark them forever as Yours.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Acts 14-15

HYMN: I Am Thine, O Lord

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 17 NOVEMBER 2026 COMMENTARY

Todayâ??s devotional, â??Preserving Generations,â?• is a sobering but hopeful message about the devilâ??s strategy against your children and Godâ??s power to protect them.
Daddy reveals that when the devil cannot stop you from serving God, he turns his attention to your offspring. But God is mighty to thwart the devilâ??s plans. Letâ??s look at some of the lessons from the devotional.

The Devil Will Try to Stop Your Offspring from Doing What You Are Doing for God

In 2 Kings 4:8-32, the great woman of Shunem was generous towards Elisha, and the devil planned to make her childless. When that failed, he tried to cut the childâ??s life short.

The attacks on your children are not random â?? they are strategic. The devil knows that if he can corrupt the next generation, he can undo the legacy of faith you are building. That is why he targets young people with distractions, peer pressure, and worldly influences. When you understand the enemyâ??s strategy, you can pray more specifically and parent more intentionally.

God Is Mighty to Thwart the Devilâ??s Plan

In the story of the Shunammite woman, the devil tried to make her childless, but God gave her a son. Then the devil tried to take the childâ??s life, but God used Elisha to raise him from the dead.

No plan of the enemy against your children can stand when God is involved. Isaiah 54:17 says, *â??No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosperâ?•*. When the devil attacks your children, you have a mighty God who fights for them. But we must partner with God in prayer. We must stand in the gap for our children, declaring Godâ??s promises over their lives and refusing to give the enemy any foothold.

To Preserve Your Generation, Ensure Your Children Encounter Jesus

Daddy points to Samuel, who was dedicated to God by his parents as a young child and grew up to be a mighty prophet. But the devil corrupted Samuelâ??s children. This is a warning: it is not enough for your children to see your faith â?? they need their own encounter with God.

You must do more than bring your children to church. You must invite Jesus into your home: pray with them, teach them the Word, and create an environment where they can meet God for themselves. Your childrenâ??s personal encounter with God will have a huge impact on their lives. Programs and traditions cannot replace a genuine relationship with Jesus. If you want to preserve your generation,

lead your children to the One who can keep them.

A Legacy That Outlives You

The key to preserving your generation is ensuring your children encounter Jesus. This is not just about raising good kids â?? it is about raising a generation that will carry the fire of God into the future. Your faith is not meant to end with you. It is meant to be passed on, multiplied, and carried further than you could ever go.

Today, examine your home. Are you creating an environment where your children can encounter Jesus? Are you praying for them, teaching them, and modeling a genuine relationship with God before them?

Action Steps

1. **Pray specifically for your children.** Set aside time each day this week to pray for your children by name. Declare Godâ??s promises over them and ask Him to thwart every plan of the devil against their lives.
2. **Create an environment of encounter.** Make your home a place where your children can meet God. Pray with them, read the Word with them, and talk about God in your daily routines, as Deuteronomy 6:5-9 instructs.
3. **Lead your children to a personal relationship with Jesus.** Do not assume they will inherit your faith automatically. Talk to them about Jesus, invite them to make their own decision to follow Him, and disciple them intentionally.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You for the gift of my children and for the promise that You are mighty to protect and preserve them.
2. Lord, I stand against every plan of the devil against my children. Let every scheme to stop them from serving You be thwarted and scattered, in Jesusâ?? name.
3. Father, visit my children personally. Let them have their own encounter with Jesus, and let their faith become their own, in Jesusâ?? name.
4. Lord, make my home a place of encounter. Let Your presence fill my house and let my children experience You in a real and powerful way, in Jesusâ?? name.
5. Father, help me to teach my children Your Word diligently. Give me wisdom to raise them in the way they should go, and let them not depart from it, in Jesusâ?? name.
6. Lord, preserve my generations for Your glory. Let my children and my childrenâ??s children serve You mightily, and let our legacy of faith continue, in Jesusâ?? name.
7. Father, I pray that my children will do even greater works than I have done. Let them exceed my exploits for Your kingdom and bring greater glory to Your name, in Jesusâ?? name.

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