



Open Heaven 25 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 25 December 2025 devotional for today is **THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR**.

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TOPIC: THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

MEMORISE:

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:16

READ: Matthew 2:1-12:

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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There are about one hundred billion stars in the galaxy, and God calls them all by their names (Psalm 147:4). The Bible even mentions Orion, a constellation of stars (Amos 5:8), and Wormwood (Revelation 8:11). Among all the stars, God gave a special assignment to one of them. We don't know the star's name, but God surely knows it, and He must have called that star by its name and commissioned it to lead the wise men to Jesus.

In today's Bible reading, the wise men, who were probably astrologers, talked about a star that they saw in the sky and how they knew that it belonged to a king. They followed the star all the way from their country to Israel, and as long as they followed it, it led them on the right track. If they had stopped following the star, they would have surely lost their way and begun to wander in darkness and confusion.

People who celebrate Christmas without having Jesus can be said to be wandering in the dark. They can eat, drink, and be merry, but they will remain in darkness. You do not have to continue dwelling in darkness if you are like this. Jesus has come as the light of the world (John 8:12) to illuminate every place where there is darkness in your life.

As the world celebrates his birth today, this is the perfect time to give your life to Him.

As soon as the wise men left Jerusalem and resumed their search for the King, the star led them to where Jesus was (Matthew 2:9). That star fulfilled its mission of leading the wise men to the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus.

Every believer is like that star, called and commissioned to lead others to Jesus. As a believer, even as you celebrate the birth of Jesus today, do not forget that you are on a mission to lead others to Him.

That star is still being spoken of today because it fulfilled its mission to lead the wise men to Jesus. As long as you keep leading and influencing others to follow Jesus, you will remain relevant in God's

agenda. Our Lord Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star, and your life should lead others to Him.

Beloved, if you are yet to give your life to Jesus, do so today. He is waiting for you to come to Him because He wants to set you free from the tyranny of darkness and confusion. Merry Christmas!

ACTION POINT

Go into the streets, use your social media platforms and other avenues that you have, and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ today.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Revelation 1-3

HYMN 17: PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

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MEMORISE: Revelation 22:16

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”

This climactic self-revelation of Christ connects His divine sovereignty (‘‘root of David’’) with His human lineage (‘‘offspring of David’’) and proclaims His identity as the ultimate guiding light. The ‘‘morning star’’ heralds the end of night and the dawn of a new day. Jesus is the first, sure light that guides humanity out of spiritual darkness into the kingdom of God.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

This is the narrative of divine guidance and prophetic fulfillment:

v.1-2: The Seeking Gentiles ‘‘ Wise men from the East arrive, guided by a star, seeking the ‘‘king of the Jews.’’ Their journey represents the human heart’s quest for truth.

v.3-8: The Troubled Establishment ‘‘ Herod and Jerusalem are disturbed, representing the world’s hostile or manipulative response to Christ’s kingship.

v.9-10: The Faithful Guide ‘‘ ‘‘The star!’’ went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.’’ The guidance was precise and culminated in joyous discovery.

v.11-12: The Worshipful Response ‘‘ They offer gifts and worship, then depart in obedient wisdom, avoiding Herod.

The Believer’s Mandate: To Be a Guiding Star to Christ

On this Christmas Day, Pastor E.A. Adeboye presents a profound and mission-oriented perspective. He moves beyond the celebration of Christ's birth to the purpose of our rebirth: we, like the Bethlehem star, are individually called and commissioned by name to lead seeking souls out of darkness to the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ.

1. The Bethlehem Star: A Commissioned Creation

Chosen From Among Billions:

Among innumerable stars, one was selected for a sacred, temporary mission. This illustrates God's purposeful sovereignty. He knows and calls each of His creations by name for specific assignments (Isaiah 43:1). The star's glory was not in its intrinsic brightness, but in its obedience to point to a greater Light.

The Nature of Its Mission:

1. **To Appear as a Sign:** It signaled a divine event to those who were watching and wise.
2. **To Guide Persistently:** It led over a long, uncertain journey.
3. **To Lead to Jesus:** Its entire purpose was to bring seekers into the presence of the King and then fade from the narrative. Its success was measured by the worship it facilitated, not the attention it garnered.

2. The Wise Men: The Profile of a Seeker

They Were Watchful:

They studied the heavens, indicating a heart dissatisfied with earthly knowledge and hungry for transcendent truth. Spiritual guidance is given to those who are looking for it.

They Were Willing to Journey:

They left their comfort zone and embarked on a long, costly trip. Guidance requires movement. God guides moving feet, not stationary skeptics.

They Followed Despite Interruptions:

They lost sight of the star in Jerusalem (relying on human reasoning via Herod) but resumed following once they left. True seekers course-correct back to divine guidance, even after detours.

3. The Contrast: Christmas in Darkness vs. in The Light

The Darkness of a Christ-less Celebration:

Many celebrate with food, drinks, and merriment (*eat, drink, and be merry*) but remain in spiritual night—a state of confusion, purposelessness, and separation from God. This is the ultimate tragedy: to be at the party but miss the Guest of Honor.

The Invitation to The Light:

Jesus is *the light of the world* (John 8:12). His birth is the dawning of salvation's day. The call is urgent: *this is the perfect time to give your life to Him*. Christmas is not just a memorial; it is an altar call.

4. The Believer's Identity: You Are That Star

Called and Commissioned:

Every believer is like that star.• Your salvation is your commissioning. You are called by name, placed in your specific *galaxy*• (sphere of influence), and given the mission to reflect Christ's light to guide others to Him (Matthew 5:14, Philippians 2:15).

The Measure of Relevance:

As long as you keep leading and influencing others to follow Jesus, you will remain relevant in God's agenda.• Your eternal significance is tied to your faithfulness in this mission. The Bethlehem star is remembered millennia later for one reason: it led men to Christ. Our legacy will be the same.

The Ultimate Goal: Lead to the Morning Star:

We are not the destination. Like John the Baptist, we must decrease so He may increase (John 3:30). Our lives, words, and love should consistently point people to Jesus, the *Bright and Morning Star*.•

How to Fulfill Your Role as a Guiding Star

1. Be Consistently Visible:

Live a life of integrity and love that stands out in the cultural darkness, prompting questions about your hope (1 Peter 3:15).

2. Provide Persistent Guidance:

Be patient with spiritual seekers. Walk with them, answer questions, and consistently point the way through your testimony and God's Word, just as the star led over a long journey.

3. Lead to Worship, Not to Yourself:

Ensure your influence culminates in people encountering Jesus for themselves, not becoming dependent on you. The wise men worshipped *the Child*, not the star.

4. Shine with Purpose:

Understand your specific mission field (your family, workplace, community). Ask God for divine appointments to guide seeking hearts.

Warning: The Irrelevance of a Hidden or Self-Glorifying Light

A believer who hides their light (through fear or compromise) or who draws attention to themselves instead of to Christ fails in their core mission. They become like a star that burned for itself, forgotten by history because it illuminated nothing but its own existence.

Conclusion: From Celebration to Commission

Pray this:

Lord Jesus, Bright and Morning Star, thank You for coming to save me from darkness. Today, I reaffirm my commitment to You. I accept my commissioning as Your guiding star. Use my life to

persistently, clearly, and joyfully lead seeking hearts to Your glorious light. Let my greatest legacy be the souls who find You because I showed the way. Merry Christmas, my King! In Your name, I pray. Amen.

Action Steps:

- **Identify Your Wise Men:** Pray for one person in your life who is spiritually seeking. Commit to being a consistent, gracious guide for them in the coming year.
- **Share the Christmas Story Anew:** Today, share the true meaning of Christmas from Matthew 2 with someone, emphasizing the quest, the guidance, and the worship.
- **Write Your Commission:** On a card, write: "I am a commissioned star. My mission is to lead _____ to Jesus." Fill in a name or a group (e.g., "my colleagues," "my neighbors").

Remember: The star didn't preach a sermon; it shone. Your most powerful guidance is a life radiant with Christ's love and truth. You are called by name to this.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Shine on, and lead them home. Merry Christmas!

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