



RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 29 JUNE 2023 THURSDAY DEVOTIONAL

Description

This RCCG Open Heaven 29 June 2023 Devotional topic is **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE 2.**

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TOPIC: ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE II

MEMORISE: Psalm 50:23 (KJV)

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me, and to him who ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

BIBLE TEXT: Psalm 118:19-21 (KJV)

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

²⁰ This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

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Yesterday we identified righteousness as a precondition to access God's presence. Once a person has clean hands and a pure heart, he or she would be able to access God's presence with thanksgiving and praises as stated in Psalm 100:4:

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

If you try to get into His presence with complaints or even requests, the gate will not be opened to you. Only those who approach Him with thanksgiving are attended to. However, your thanksgiving will get you into His gates, but your praises will get you into His courts. Being in His courts is definitely a step higher than just getting into the gates.

The keepers of the gates always check for how well you can praise God before they admit you in. If they see that you are not one who is willing to praise God, they will lock you out. David seemed to be talking to the keepers of the gate when he said in Psalm 118:19, ***“Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:”***

It is as though God had instructed them thus: “If anyone comes here with complaints or requests without thanksgiving or praise, don't open this gate for the fellow”. That is why when Jesus was us to pray in Luke 11:1-4, He said we are to start with, “Our Father who hath in heaven, hallowed be thy name”. If you start your prayers that way, you are guaranteed access to the presence of God, where you can then present your requests.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:23

Since Father seeks true worshippers, it means that whenever you worship Him, you draw down His presence to wherever you are. Psalm 22:3 says that He inhabits the praises of His children. You won't

have to struggle to get into His presence again if you would just fill your heart with thanksgiving and praise.

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Spend at least one hour just praising God today.

RCCG BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 141-150

RCCG HYMN 16: Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer

1 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!
Strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children.
In his arms he carries them all day long.
O ye saints that dwell on the mountain of His Zion,
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.

2 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and died.
He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail him, Hail him! Jesus, the crucified;
Loving Saviour, meekly enduring sorrow,
Crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced His brow;
Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken,
Prince of Glory, ever triumphant now.

3 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever!
Crown him, crown him! prophet, and priest, and king!
Death is vanquished! Tell it with joy, ye faithful,
Where is now thy victory, boasting grave?
Jesus lives! No longer thy portals are cheerless;
Jesus lives, the mighty and strong to save.

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