

Description

The Open Heaven 14 May 2025 devotional for today DIVINE VISITATION II.

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OPEN HEAVEN 14 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DIVINE VISITATION II

MEMORISE

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive. and bear a son Judges 13:3

READ: Judges 15:2-5

- 2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.
- 3 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.
- 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 14 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

I started discussing about divine visitation yesterday, and I said that people can have a divine encounter with God through His word.

Today, in continuing my discussion, I will point out another way by which believers can receive divine visitation.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 1:13-14 that angels are ministering spirits that are sent by God to minister to people. Sometimes, when God wants to visit His children, He sends His angels as divine visitors. For example, in Judges 13:1-25, when God wanted to tell Manoah that he and his wife would give birth to Samson, He sent an angel. Likewise, in Luke 1:8-20, when God wanted to tell Zechariah that he would have a child, He also sent an angel as His messenger. You may ask, "How will I even recognise an angel if one comes to me?"

Occasionally, the angel that God will send to you could be a human being. For example, in 2 Kings 5:1-14, the angel that God sent to Naaman when it was time for his divine visitation was a maid. It was the girl who said to his wife, "I know where my master can get his healing." There are many stories of human beings that God used to bring certain people to the fullness of their purpose. May God send such destiny helpers to you speedily, in Jesus' name.

Beloved, you must be hospitable to everyone you meet. This is because you do not know if the angel that God is sending to you will come in human form. Hebrews 13:2 says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Imagine if Naaman's wife had maltreated their maid, he would have probably died a leper.

Some people have sent their angels away with their terrible behaviours; do not be like them.

Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:10:

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Beloved, you must do good to everybody, regardless of their tribe, religion, social or financial status, or age, because you never can tell if they are angels that God is sending to you. Your kindness can open doors of abundant blessings to you. I pray that you will show kindness to the angels God sends your way so that you do not miss your divine visitation, in Jesus name.

KEY POINT

As much as you can, do good to all men.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

RCCG HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 14 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY

Memorise: Judges 13:3 (KJV)

This verse introduces the concept of **angelic visitation**—God sending heavenly messengers to announce and activate divine promises.

Bible Reading: Judges 13:2-5 (KJV)

The passage details **Manoah and his wife's encounter** with an angel who prophesied Samson's birth—a deliverer for Israel. This visitation **broke barrenness and birthed destiny**.

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

- 1. Angels as Divine Messengers (Hebrews 1:14)
 - Biblical Examples:
 - To Hagar in the wilderness (Genesis 16:7-12)
 - To Gideon at the winepress (Judges 6:11-14)
 - To Mary for Christ's birth (Luke 1:26-28)
 - Their Ministry:
 - Bring answers to prayer (Daniel 10:12)
 - Execute divine judgment (2 Kings 19:35)
 - Announce new seasons (Luke 1:19)
- 2. Angelic Visitation Through Human Vessels
 - Unexpected Messengers:
 - Naaman's maid (2 Kings 5:2-3): A young captive girl held the key to his healing
 - o Abraham's visitors (Genesis 18:1-2): Entertained angels in human form
 - Modern Application:
 - o Your "ordinary" neighbor, colleague, or stranger could be a divine connection

 Like Peter's vision preceded Cornelius' salvation (Acts 10), God orchestrates human intermediaries

3. The Danger of Rejecting Divine Helpers

- Biblical Warnings:
 - Lot's initial reluctance to host angels nearly cost him deliverance (Genesis 19:1-3,15)
 - o Zechariah's disbelief in Gabriel's message brought temporary muteness (Luke 1:18-20)
- Contemporary Parallels:
 - Pride rejects help from "unlikely" sources (Mark 6:3-4)
 - Busyness ignores divine appointments (Hebrews 13:2)

4. Practical Keys to Recognize Angelic Visitation

- 1. Hospitality Opens Doors (Hebrews 13:2)
 - Abraham's meal preparation preceded covenant confirmation (Genesis 18:6-8)
- 2. Discernment Through the Spirit (1 John 4:1)
 - Test every encounter against Scripture
- 3. Obedience to "Strange" Instructions
 - Naaman had to **dip seven times** in Jordan (2 Kings 5:10)
- 4. Gratitude for Small Beginnings
 - The widow's oil multiplied after she obeyed (2 Kings 4:1-7)

5. The Blessings of Divine Encounters

- Barrenness Broken (Judges 13:3)
- Healing Released (2 Kings 5:14)
- **Direction Given** (Matthew 1:20)
- Protection Assured (Psalm 91:11)

Life Applications

For the Needy:

- Action: List areas where you need breakthrough—God may send help through unexpected people
- Prayer: "Lord, open my eyes to recognize Your messengers."

For the Prideful:

- Study: John 4—Jesus used a social outcast (Samaritan woman) to save a city
- Repent: Of dismissing "small" or "unlikely" helpers

For the Hospitable:

• Memorize: Hebrews 13:2—your kindness to strangers invites angelic intervention

Warning vs. Promise

- Warning: "Mistreating people may mean rejecting angels" (Proverbs 17:5)
- **Promise:** "God rewards those who diligently seek Him—through whatever means He chooses" (Hebrews 11:6)

Conclusion: Your Visitation May Wear Human Skin

- 1. Angels often come disguised—treat everyone with grace
- 2. Divine help is nearer than you think—in your workplace, neighborhood, or even your home
- 3. Obedience to "small" instructions unlocks big breakthroughs

Prayer Response

"Father, make me sensitive to Your messengers. Help me to show Christlike love to all, knowing You may send angels through human vessels. I receive divine connections that will propel me into destiny, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Final Charge

"The hand you refuse to shake today may hold the key to your tomorrow." Will you recognize God's messengers?

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