

Open Heaven 15 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 15 May 2025 devotional for today is DIVINE VISITATION III.

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OPEN HEAVEN 15 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DIVINE VISITATION III

MEMORISE:

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:2

READ: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all

Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court,

6 And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of

Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the Lord.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 15 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

As I conclude my discussion about divine visitation today, let me mention that another divine visitor you can receive is a minister of God. In 1 Samuel 1:9-20, Hannah was in Shiloh praying passionately, and God sent His prophet to her. The prophet simply issued a decree, and her womb was opened. In 1 Samuel 16:11-13, God sent another prophet to visit David and anoint him as king. Also, in 1 Kings 19:15-21, when the time came for Elisha to begin to fulfil his purpose, God sent a prophet, Elijah, to throw his mantle on him.

Whenever God sends one of His ministers to you, believe what God has sent him or her to say to you. When Elisha decreed God's word during the severe famine in Samaria that food would become very surplus and cheap overnight, a top government official doubted it. He couldn't believe how such a terrible famine, during which women ate their children to survive, would disappear overnight.

However, Elisha wasn't speaking his own words; He was speaking God's word, and it came to pass (2 Kings 7:1-16).

When God sends His word through His ministers, anything is possible. The unbelief of the officer described in the paragraph above prevented him from partaking in the overnight miracle. He saw the miracle, but he didn't partake of it because he spoke against God's word (2 Kings 7:17). I pray that you will receive every word that God sends to you through His ministers in taln, in Jesus name.

In todays text, we see now three countries joined themselves together against Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah. The situation was terrible, but instead of giving in to fear, Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and asked his people to join him. As they prayed and sought God's face together, His word came

through Jahaziel, one of the Levites. God told them to relax because they wouldn't need to fight the battle. He asked them to stand still and see His salvation (2 Chronicles 20:14-17). Humanly speaking, it was foolish to stand still when enemies were closing in on all sides. However, Jehoshaphat and the people believed God's word and the prophets He spoke through.

Beloved, God's word will sometimes defy human explanation and challenge human reasoning. However, God will always be God. If a genuine minister of God gives you a message from God, believe him or her and act accordingly. Believe God's prophets, and you will surely prosper and be established (2 Chronicles 20:20).

KEY POINT

When you believe God's word through His ministers, you will prosper and be established.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

RCCG HYMN 30: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 15 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY

Memorise: 2 Chronicles 20:2 (KJV)

"Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazon-tamar, which is Engedi."

This verse sets the stage for understanding how God uses His ministers to bring divine intervention during crises.

Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 (KJV)

This passage showcases **Jehoshaphat's crisis and God's supernatural deliverance** through prophetic ministry—a model for how God speaks through His servants today.

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

1. God's Pattern of Sending Anointed Messengers

- **Old Testament Examples:**

- *Samuel to Hannah* (1 Samuel 1:17): Ended barrenness through prophetic declaration
- *Samuel to David* (1 Samuel 16:13): Activated kingly destiny through anointing
- *Elijah to Elisha* (1 Kings 19:16): Transferred prophetic mantle

- **New Testament Continuity:**

- Jesus sent out the 70 (Luke 10:1)
- Paul's apostolic ministry to Gentiles (Acts 13:2)

2. The Authority of God-Sent Ministry

- **Fourfold Purpose of Ministerial Visitation:**

1. *Direction* (Jahaziel in 2 Chronicles 20:14-17)
2. *Destiny Activation* (Samuel anointing David)
3. *Deliverance* (Elisha's famine prophecy in 2 Kings 7)
4. *Divine Connection* (Elijah calling Elisha)

3. The Jehoshaphat Principle (2 Chronicles 20)

- **Crisis Response Model:**

1. *Recognized the threat* (v.2-3)
2. *Called corporate prayer* (v.3-4)
3. *Received prophetic word* (v.14-17)
4. *Responded in worship before victory* (v.18-22)
5. *Experienced supernatural deliverance* (v.22-24)

4. The Danger of Rejecting God-Sent Messages

- **Biblical Warnings:**

- The skeptical officer saw but didn't partake of Elisha's miracle (2 Kings 7:2,17-20)
- Israel rejected prophets and suffered (2 Chronicles 36:16)

- **Modern Parallels:**

- Disregarding pastoral counsel
 - Rejecting prophetic direction due to human reasoning
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Practical Applications for Today's Believers

1. How to Receive Ministerial Visitation

- **Posture of Heart:**

- *Hannah's desperation* (1 Samuel 1:10)
- *Jehoshaphat's humility* (2 Chronicles 20:12)

- **Practical Steps:**

1. *Value corporate gathering* (Hebrews 10:25)

2. *Come expectantly* (Mark 11:24)
3. *Test all words* (1 John 4:1)
4. *Obey confirmed direction* (James 1:22)

2. Discerning Authentic Ministry

- **Five Tests of Genuine Ministers:**

1. *Alignment with Scripture* (Isaiah 8:20)
2. *Fruit of Christlike character* (Matthew 7:15-20)
3. *Edification of believers* (1 Corinthians 14:3)
4. *Confirmation in spirit* (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)
5. *Accountability to church leadership* (Acts 15:1-2)

3. Responding to Prophetic Words

- **Jehoshaphat's Example:**

- *Believed immediately* (2 Chronicles 20:20)
- *Acted on instructions* (appointed singers, v.21)
- *Positioned for miracle* (went out facing enemies, v.22)

- **Personal Application:**

- Record confirmed words
 - Pray them into existence
 - Take corresponding actions
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Warning vs. Promise

- **Warning:** *"Rejecting God-sent messengers invites consequences"* (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)
 - **Promise:** *"Believing prophets leads to establishment"* (2 Chronicles 20:20)
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Conclusion: Positioning for Divine Visitation

1. **God still speaks through consecrated ministers**—value them
 2. **Corporate gatherings are visitation portals**—attend expectantly
 3. **Obedience to divine words releases miracles**—act on what you hear
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Prayer Response

"Father, give me discernment to recognize Your sent ministers. Help me receive their words with faith and obedience. Let no unbelief hinder me from partaking in Your miracles. Make me sensitive to every divine visitation in Jesus' name. Amen."

Final Charge

"The same God who spoke through Elisha and Jehoshaphat still speaks through His ministers"

today—will you have ears to hear?"

Your breakthrough may come through someone God has sent!

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