

HOW TO ACTIVATE AN OPEN HEAVEN.

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James 1:17 *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”*

Psalm 75:6 *"For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south."*

You see, there are 4 cardinal points (north, south, east and west) and Psalm 75:6 tells us that promotion/ elevation does not come from South, west nor east which means the north is left out, so it affirms James 1:17 that promotion (good and perfect gifts) come from above (the NORTH) .

David in **Psalm 121** says that his help comes from none else but above. Beloved when any man speaks of an open heaven, it is simply an expectation of divine help or promotion.

Read the book of Mark 1:4-13 so we can take case study on how Jesus Christ received an OPEN HEAVEN .

KEYS TO ACTIVATE AN OPEN HEAVEN:

1. REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS :-

Mark 1:4

The purpose for John's water baptism was for repentance and forgiveness of sins so for anyone to go or accept to partake that baptism it means that they admit they are sinners and know that there is a power from God to be able to forgive them of their sins. So that though people may be reluctant in forgiving them, the law may fail to forgive them but God is ready to forgive them. So by the first key, one must admit that they are sinners and that they will pursue the Lord for forgiveness.

2. CONFESSING OF SINS :-

Mark 1:5

The Bible says all the people of Judea and Jerusalem would go to John to be baptized by confessing their sins. It is a great thing to confess your sin, remembering that God says *"I am faithful and just to forgive you and purify you from all unrighteousness"* but it comes with a condition *"If you confess your sins"* **1 John 1:9** .

God promises an open heaven in **2 Chronicles 7:14** *IF my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and "turn from their*

wicked ways", then I will hear "from heaven", and I will "forgive their sin "and will heal their land.

Once again there is a condition of an open heaven or a response from heaven only IF the people are ready to turn from their wicked ways. So be willing to confess and also ready to change or turn away from sin to be able to activate an open heaven. So please confess your sins not to a man but to God . Don't generalize it be specific about what you have done wrong.

3. ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMISSION TO GODLY AUTHORITY .

Mark 1:6-7

You see in verse 6 John is simply identified as a weirdo. Someone who dresses pretty much like an animal and eats locusts. His outfit at least is very primitive, a poor minister so to speak and yet people including Jesus were ready to submit to him because of the Godly authority he had. Sometimes you may have more advantage through education, knowledge, good looking and etc over the minister / preacher but be willing to accept them and submit to them because of their Godly authority. Let's be ready to submit under the leadership of whoever God places us regardless of their disadvantages or potentials we may have over them.

Jesus was mightier than John as confirmed by John in verse 7. John was unworthy even to stoop down and untie his sandals, yet Jesus accepted him however he was and submitted under his Godly authority to baptize him.

4. AWARENESS TO UNDERGO WATER AND HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM.

Mark 1:8

This is self explanatory. You must undergo water baptism if you haven't and the Holy spirit baptism.

5. MAKE A MOVE.

Mark 1:9

Jesus travelled from Galilee, others from Jerusalem and Judea which means they were ready to make a move for an open heaven. Go the extra mile for an open heaven. It could be a dedication to fasting, extra Bible studies, seed sowing, worship, service in the house of God, camp meeting and etc. be ready to go on a journey.

6. BE THE PRIDE OF GOD .

Mark 1:11

People may assume that Jesus was exceptional for God taking pride or being pleased with him but beloved remember God was proud and boastful of a man called Job also by virtue of his righteousness. So live a righteousness life that God will be proud of

you and be pleased with you. Do things that glorifies God and pleases the Lord. Remember David said " let the words of my mouth (utterances) and the meditation of my heart (thoughts/ desires) be acceptable in thy sight. So by your works and conduct, let God be pleased with you.

EVIDENCE OF AN OPEN HEAVEN.

Mark 1:10-13

1. PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

What was evident when Jesus' heaven was opened was the presence of the Holy Spirit. Likewise an evidence of your open heaven is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Open heaven is not just a reception of a new car or marriage but first being filled with the Holy Spirit .

2. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

In your expectation of an open heaven you must be willing and ready to hear and listen to the voice of God, the voice of God will direct you on what to do, where to do, how to do and when to do! May you be filled with the Holy Spirit in love to hear his voice .

3. POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is by default that you receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Evidence of your open heaven is that you become another person. You gain power and authority over many disciplines when your heaven is open. Your power may be in knowledge, wisdom, wealth, health and etc.

Also, evidence of an open heaven is that you may be tried . Jesus after his heaven was opened was led to fast for 40 days and nights and also to be tempted . He was with wild animals and Angels were serving Him.

Another evidence of your open heaven is could be that you may be surrounded by potential attacks and people who may contend with you .

Beloved, I pray, may your heavens open in Jesus name .