

What is an Open Heaven?

Finding the Lay lines of God's Glory in Your Life

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We hear much about an open heaven. What exactly IS an open heaven, and what does it mean to walk under an open heaven in your life? In this study we will examine from the revelation of the scriptures what an open heaven does and how to cooperate with the open heaven when it shows up in your life. King David understood this when he declared:

[Psa 16:6 KJV] 6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant [places].

An open heaven in your life will redraw the lay lines of favor and blessing in your situation. Do you feel shut off in life? Are doors being slammed in your face? When the doors open in heaven then doors, opportunity, favor and radical blessing open on the earth. This study will transition you and change your circumstance if you will apply it's timeless truths to your heart and to your life for radical change.

An OPEN HEAVEN is defined as:

A pronounced increase of power and grace in a particular season when the supernatural invades the natural and radically changes circumstances, situations and people.

Examples would be:

1. Jacob at Bethel when he fled from Esau:

Gen 28:12-16 KJV - [12] And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. [13] And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; [14] And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to

the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. [15] And, behold, I [am] with thee, and will keep thee in all [places] whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done [that] which I have spoken to thee of. [16] And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew [it] not.

This experience completely altered the trajectory of Jacob's life. Such an encounter will happen to you when you pay attention to your dreams and enter into bold negotiation with God in your prayer life as Jacob did.

2. Moses in the Wilderness:

Exd 24:9-10, 16-18 KJV - [9] Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: [10] And they saw the God of Israel: and [there was] under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in [his] clearness. ... [16] And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. [17] And the sight of the glory of the LORD [was] like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. [18] And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Moses entered into the presence of God and from that time on his face shone as an angels with the unearthly light of God's glory that saturated his very being. As you spend time in God's presence, fellowshiping at His table even your physical body will be affected.

3. Nathaniel when he met Jesus for the first time:

Jhn 1:48-51 KJV - [48] Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. [49] Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. [50] Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the

fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. [51] And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Do you want to see an angel? Jesus was impressed with Nathaniel's lack of guile. Nathaniel was a transparent and brutally honest individual and he was rewarded (as you will be) with ongoing supernatural encounters.

4. John when he received the Revelation:

Rev 1:10-17 KJV - [10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, [11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. [12] And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. [14] His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes [were] as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. [16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength. [17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

John paid attention to the unusual things that happened around him and as a result was caught up between time and space to see the panorama of eternity. When you spend quality time alone with God he will show you things to come.

There Are Two Kinds of Open Heaven

One kind of open heaven changes YOU. Another sort of open heaven changes YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE. You need to know that BOTH are AVAILABLE and accessible to you RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE in your WALK WITH GOD.

The instances mentioned above from the scripture reveal what happens when there is a VERTICAL OPENING BETWEEN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. This is not the ONLY KIND of OPEN HEAVEN there is. There is also a HORIZONTAL or LATERAL OPENING of the HEAVENS.

Spiritual Lay lines

If you look at the globe, you will see the VERTICAL LINES are called MERIDIANS. The HORIZONTAL LINES are called PARALLELS. We must begin to think beyond our immediate circumstances and see that the glory of God that fills the earth is continually being poured into our lives. We must know how to access that flow and cooperate with the current of the river of power. It comes to change us and to change our circumstances.

Changing You, Changing the Circumstance

When the heavens open ABOVE, then YOU are changed. You experience character shifting and life-transforming change. Jacob was forever changed when he saw the angels of God, ascending, and descending. Moses was forever changed when he walked on the mount of God in the glory. John the Revelator was never the same after he the heavens were opened to him on Patmos. This is a MERIDIAN OF GOD'S GLORY in your life.

Bringing Heaven to Earth

When the heavens open BEFORE you, then your CIRCUMSTANCE is changed. Jesus said, PRAY that heaven would come to earth.

Luk 11:2 KJV - [2] And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

We are to pray that our earthly environment would mirror the atmosphere of heaven. Living under an open heaven is intended by God to be a continual abiding, not merely an occasional visitation.

This is a PARALLEL of God's Glory in your life.

Psa 126:1-2 KJV - [1] When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. [2] Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

God wants to bring heaven to earth in your life. He intends to OPEN YOUR GRAVE, bring the fish with the gold coin in its mouth, open the treasuries of heaven to your need and cause everything you say and do to become as effective as if HE said it or did it.

A HORIZONTAL or LATERAL OPENING OF THE HEAVENS:

When Paul was traveling under the assignment of heaven, there were times that the heavens opened to him LATERALLY or HORIZONTALLY in other words, SUPERNATURAL DOOR and OPPORTUNITIES opened to Paul by the sovereignty of God:

2Cr 2:12- KJV - [12] Furthermore, when I came to Troas to [preach] Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

The word OPEN used here means to:

1. Open a gate (Psa. 24:7)

Psa 24:7 KJV - [7] Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

You must see (Eph. 2:6) that you are seated with Christ in heavenly places and begin to think like a child of God – like a principality and a power in the earth. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. To often like prisoners who serve long sentences we become institutionalized and accept the bars of Satan's bondages against us as the norm and cease expecting and looking for God's miracles in our lives.

2. Open a grave (Hos. 13:14)

Hsa 13:14 KJV - [14] I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

God is willing to open doors that will ransom you out of dead-end situations.

3. Open the mouth of a fish:

Mat 17:24, 27 KJV - [24] And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute [money] came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? ... [27] Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

God does not print out the finances that flow to you. The money that is in your pocket today was in someone else's pocket yesterday. God will send the fish with the gold coin in its mouth to increase your supply and cause you to understand that MONEY flows by the Spirit.

4. Open the treasuries:

Mat 19:20-21 KJV - [20] The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? [21] Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.

You have to get out of the poverty mentality as a child of God. You are not poor. You are not poor; you are more than likely just ignorant. You don't know that MONEY MOVES BY THE SPIRIT, and when you GIVE GOD CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES increase comes!

Phl 4:19 KJV - [19] But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

5. Open the mouth of a man:

Psa 81:10 KJV - [10] I [am] the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Psa 81:14 KJV - [14] I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

1Sa 3:19 KJV - [19] And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

6. Open the ears:

Mat 11:15 KJV - [15] He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

1 Pe 3:12 KJV - [12] For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil.

1Cr 1:30 KJV - [30] But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

HOW TO WALK UNDER AN OPEN HEAVEN AND THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR:

Col 4:3 KJV - [3] Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

Act 16:8-10 KJV - [8] And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. [9] And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. [10] And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Luk 13:24-30 KJV - [24] Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. [25] When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

What is the STRAIGHT GATE?

Jhn 5:19 KJV - [19] Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Luke 13: [26] Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. [27] But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity. [28] There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you [yourselves] thrust out. [29] And they shall come from the east, and [from] the west, and from the north, and [from] the south, and shall sit down

in the kingdom of God. [30] And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Living under an open heaven is not for the casual. It will cost you the abandonment of every other pursuit in life because God is a jealous God and He doesn't share His secrets with casual observers. You are one of God's chosen and there is an open heaven waiting for you. When you encounter the open heaven you must allow it first to change you and then it will surely change your circumstance and you will be forever radically transitioned to a new level of spiritual experience in the kingdom.