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Does Heaven have windows? Are they aimed toward Earth? There are several references to Heaven's windows in the Bible. The windows of Heaven are referenced in judgment as well as in blessing.

The Hebrew imagery of the windows of Heaven opening conveys a sense of abundant outpouring, whether in torrents of rain, extreme judgment, plentiful food, or a profusion of blessings. In every instance, God is responsible for opening and closing the windows of Heaven.

In Noah's day, the windows of Heaven were open, and the rain of God's judgment fell on the earth (Genesis 7:11). The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's judgment coming down through the open windows of Heaven (Isaiah 24:18). Disobedience and rebellion against God open the windows of Heaven in judgment.

The windows of Heaven are also the source of abundant blessings and provision. In the book of Malachi, the Lord promised to open the windows of Heaven to pour out a blessing on those who honor Him by giving their tithes and offerings into the storehouse (Malachi 3:10). The windows of Heaven are blessings from a supernatural source.

In the days of the kings of Israel, the people of Samaria were under siege by King Ben-Hadad of Syria (Aram). The famine was so intense that food prices skyrocketed, with donkey heads and seed pods being sold for exorbitant prices. In desperation, women were eating their own children. Rather than repenting of his sins, the king of Israel blamed the prophet Elisha for the crisis and sought to kill him.

At this unfathomable low point, Elisha prophesied that by the next day, food would be plentiful and prices would collapse, bringing an end to the famine. This sounded too good to be true. In a cynical response to Elisha's prophecy, an officer of the king scoffed, saying this could not happen even "if the Lord would make windows in heaven" (2 Kings 7:2). Elisha told the officer that he would see it but not partake of it.

The story of how God ended the famine is fascinating. As the famine raged on, there were four lepers at the gate of Samaria discussing their fate and their options:

"Now there were four men with leprosy sitting at the entrance of the city gates. "Why should we sit here waiting to die?" they asked each other. "We will starve if we stay here, but with the famine in the city, we will starve if we go back there. So we might as well go out and surrender to the Aramean army. If they let us live, so much the better. But if they kill us, we would have died anyway."

So at twilight they set out for the camp of the Arameans. But when they came to the edge of the camp, no one was there! For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the clatter of speeding chariots and the galloping of horses

and the sounds of a great army approaching. "The king of Israel has hired the Hittites and Egyptians to attack us!" they cried to one another.

So they panicked and ran into the night, abandoning their tents, horses, donkeys, and everything else, as they fled for their lives. When the men with leprosy arrived at the edge of the camp, they went into one tent after another, eating and drinking wine; and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and hid it" (2 Kings 7:3-8 NLT).

While the lepers were feasting and spoiling the Syrian's camp, it occurred to them that they had left behind a city of starving people. So, they shared the great news of this miracle, and the people of Samaria rushed to the banquet that awaited them.

As starving Samaritans desperately rushed to the feast, the man who sarcastically said that the famine could not end, even if there were windows in Heaven, was trampled to death. Within 24 hours, the price of food dropped drastically, and, in a single day, the famine ended.

It is interesting that God used the enemies of Israel as the source of provision. Elisha did not say that God would open the windows of Heaven. The officer said it in derision. No matter how you see it or say it, if you were an emaciated resident of Samaria, you would credit the relief to the windows of Heaven.

The windows of Heaven have latches that open them. Disobedience and rebellion against God open the windows of Heaven in judgment. Obedience and submission to God open the windows of Heaven in blessing.

Ultimately, when God determines to bless, there is nothing that can stop Him. In Malachi, when the Lord instructs us to give tithes and offerings, He challenges us to put Him to the test to see how He will respond:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

In the story of Samaria, the windows of Heaven were opened by a prophetic word from Elisha. He spoke in alignment with God's will, and God responded with miraculous provision (2 Kings 7:1,16).

We need miraculous provision for IMAGINE and for our families. As we live in alignment with God's Word, let us proclaim God's promises and pray for God to open the windows of Heaven.

March Birthdays

1 Joseph Hardigree Andrew Puckett Delaney Nixon Margaret Bennett Chris Tuttle Hattie Jones	11 Alyssa Barker Bro. Richard Hall Matthew Plunkett Isaac Johnson	24 Nedie English Andrew Arwood Brantley Swart
2 Sis. Marianne Turner Gideon Turner Glen Bryan Isaiah Taylor	12 Adilyn Frazier	26 Kenny Davis
3 Antoinette Rubin Michael Gilmore Adaja Rennes	13 Kristopher Hanson Jackie Marin	27 Kathleen Marrett
4 Honour Hvass Lavyn Price Michael Shaw	14 Rosa Boyd	28 James Newborn Jacob Nunn Leah Boyd Eden Miller
5 Jameson Hobbs Norton Ladouceur	15 Cynthia Jordan Jonah Njenga	29 Tinsley Grayson Sharanelle Patterson
6 Zeferene Smith Carolyn Williams	16 Peggy Tanner	30 Sherry Bennett Sis. Valerie Davie
7 Cindy Mosley Mary Duncan Addyson Stewart Xander Jones Joshua Patterson	17 Larry Trigg Madelynn Farmer Bryce Rowland Bethany Perez	31 Christina Puckett Zachary Barnett Mack Walden
8 Jennieve Amore Tony Bennett Sunamita Gomez	19 Amanda Brown	
9 Edwin Rodriguez	20 Jewel Martin Morvia Cole Mathias Rowland	
10 Raymond Diguei Barbara Nickens Destiny Martin Saralynn Hernandez	21 Kevin Pomerinke Paula Canate Alexis Gurley Joseph Tsenum	
	22 Korbin Davis Adam Nelson	
	23 James Scott Vanessa Colin Bellamang Messia Raelynn Frazier	

March Anniversaries

1	Kunle & Folashade Adebola
1	Randy & Jaleh Brock
4	Jon & Stephanie Cude
5	Jack & Sylvia White
7	Olusegun & Abidemi Adebanwo
9	Edwin & Nicola Rodriguez
10	David & Christy Shuman
12	Merritt & Lindsey Burdett
12	Rick & Heather Evens
15	Darrell & Cheryl Hester
17	Andy & Roseanne Sims
20	Bro. Joel & Alonda Johns
21	Alfred & Gladys Remy
22	Issac Tafa & Sandra Manata
22	Billie & Diane Davis
26	Wally & Danielle Smith
27	Wesley & Crystal Flowers
27	David & Sarah Perez
31	Richard & Ann Evens

What's With the Party?
January 19 - February 22

Baptized in Jesus' Name

- Ashlyn Austin
- Lillian Leggs
- Manola Manzanarez
- Giorcelia Michel
- Chandler Potts
- Daniel Swann

Filled with the Holy Ghost

- Ashlyn Austin
- Mason Boyd
- Roman Lowery
- Manola Manzanarez
- Brenda Simmons
- Theodore Willey



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Missions Sunday</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7 pm 301 Meeting Online</p>	<p>4 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm CrossOver</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>9 am Bible Quizzing Tournament</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 1</p>
<p>8 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm HYPHEN</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>10 am Men's Event Guest Speaker: Bro. Darin Sargent</p> <p>Pastor's Prayer Partners 2 Canceled</p>
GA District GEMS Conference						
<p>15 Guest Speaker: Bro. Darin Sargent</p> <p>IMAGINE</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7 pm Ladies' Prayer</p>	<p>18 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm CrossOver</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 3</p>
Int. & Sr. Bible Quiz Extravaganza						
<p>22 Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm HYPHEN</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 4</p>
Beg. & Jr. Bible Quiz Extravaganza						
<p>29 No Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<h1>March 2026</h1> <p>Ch.I.P.Z. - Children in the Power Zone</p>			
Week of Prayer and Fasting						