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The Weekly Encourager - 10 August 2014

Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia, from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 25TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND 26 YEARS OFF ALL MEDICATION - thanks to Jesus.

GOD'S VICTORY OVER SCHIZOPHRENIA WAS PURCHASED ON CALVARY'S CROSS FOR YOU!

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS HEBREWS CHAPTER 9: Key Verses 11-28:

The Blood of Christ: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!



For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance – now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

In our devotional life with Jesus Christ, it is of the greatest significance that we understand the importance of the place of His shed blood in our salvation, healing and deliverance (see verse 24).

When at conversion our spiritual eyes have been opened through seeing the wonderful truth that in dying for the whole world, the Lord Jesus also included you and me, there is a personal

appreciation of what the power of His blood achieved in atoning for our own sin and obtaining the gift of eternal life.

As we seek to grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus and our devotion towards Him increases, there is simultaneously the dawning of a deeper understanding and appreciation of the value of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary and the scope of what His death achieved for us.

You don't necessarily have to belong to a Bible-based church devoted to building up disciples before you quickly understand the power of the blood of Jesus in your personal walk with Him. As you meet God yourself in your devotions, this much-needed emphasis of living in a relationship with Jesus can be imparted directly into your own life by the Spirit of God. What a significant day it is when light comes from His Word showing that to know the abiding presence of God is gloriously possible through the shedding of the blood of Jesus (John 6:53-58).

Facing life as a Christian who has schizophrenia is a continuous struggle and challenge, but KNOW THIS - both the power to endure and go on to defeat this "demonic mental evil" CAN BE ACHIEVED through understanding and believing just how much Jesus Christ achieved when He poured out His own life blood on the Cross and died for you!

WE PUBLISH BELOW A MESSAGE FROM THE WEEKLY ENCOURAGER OF 6 MARCH, 2011 – **BOLDLY PLEADING THE BLOOD OF JESUS HASTENS THE DEFEAT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA (1)** to underline just how precious you are to Jesus Christ and how powerful is the working of His shed blood TODAY in shattering into total defeat the hold schizophrenia has over your life!

Remind yourself today that the defeat of schizophrenia will not happen through the following of a drug regime or resting in any confidence put in a psychiatrist, but through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

Nobody else will ever get as desperate as you are to be set free of this monster of psychotic bondages – so hold fast to the truth that Jesus alone holds the keys for the great deliverance and healing being pursued in your life.

Living hope to defeat the stronghold of schizophrenia will come alive in your spirit this week and in future days through believing in the power of the blood of Jesus.

You may have missed out so far in fully knowing what the shed blood of Jesus Christ accomplished for you on the Cross. Forgiveness from sin and cleansing from the power of sin were procured that day when Jesus Christ poured out his life-blood and died for you, and the whole world.

There is the continuing power of the blood of Jesus at work every day to help you after conversion to Christ. I spent a whole year in a Bible College without receiving teaching about the blood of Jesus and missed learning something very precious. My spiritual eyes were not fully opened up to how much Satan detests the blood of Jesus and how it is the master stroke to defeat him.

Did you know that the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross releases power into your life for daily living to defeat Satan and all the powers of darkness He defeated on the Cross – even the same evil powers behind the condition of schizophrenia?

Not every believer in Jesus who is troubled with schizophrenia finds themselves able to muster spiritual warfare against the invading spirits that have entered their lives. To be able to plead the blood of Jesus as protection and so ward off evil powers when life is full of mental anguish and confusion can be immensely difficult.

This is no doubt because your mind is so passive through taking medications and the effects have drained any resistance and fight out of you. But fight you must in order to survive!!

Don't be discouraged if in your battle with the demon of schizophrenia there are more times of just holding your ground than being engaged in deliverance to be set free. That's how it was for me!! I had no strength left on arriving back home each and every day after turning up for work over many years. The issue for me was one of just being able to get to work and last out until the end of the work shift itself.

During 26 years of schizophrenia, I sought to hold on to God in prayer but never possessed a continuous hope of ever coming out of the condition. I was not aware of people really praying for me during a good proportion of that time. When real prayer did begin to rise for me with callings out to God to do something to set me free, then that was the time I began to notice a change in my life. My own prayer life became more alive and with it the hope that this psychotic nightmare could be broken.

I did not win the triumph over schizophrenia myself but, like those mentioned in Revelation 12: verse 11, I "overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." When Satan tried to squeeze the victory of Jesus out of my life and destroy me, the help given by Jesus to stand firm meant the final victory over Satan. The troubles I passed through for more than a third of a lifetime were not because Satan was too strong, but because he was a beaten foe.

I could never have experienced what it is to know about the relentless hostility that Satan has towards the human race and those, in particular, who are determined to follow the Lord Jesus Christ without being inside a schizophrenic prison. My continuing desire to help other believers who are held in this stronghold of evil bondage grips my spirit because of having had a taste of hell itself and its power of spiritual darkness.

It may seem something of a misnomer that in your life as a Christian suffering with schizophrenia, you are not living in a victory already achieved but find yourself working towards knowing that victory. Nevertheless, the gates of brass and the bars of iron around your mind will break as the power of God triumphs in your life, just as the bondage of sin yielded when you received Christ as Saviour.

The power of the blood of Jesus will begin to work for you against the demon of schizophrenia as you declare that JESUS CHRIST OWNS YOUR LIFE AND NO DEMON HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT TO ANY PART OF YOUR LIFE. SATAN AND ALL THE POWERS OF DARKNESS LOST EVERY LEGAL RIGHT WHEN THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS DEFEATED THEM ON THE CROSS AND CHRIST MADE EVERY PROVISION FOR YOU TO BE FREE!!

That is a fact of truth well worth remembering. When disturbed by voices of spirits you are seeking to drive from your life, bind them in the Name of Jesus and declare boldly that your life has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The blood of Jesus will avail for you.... and will never ever lose its power.

Be encouraged by this meditation by Charles Haddon Spurgeon on "Strong in faith" – Romans 4:20

CHRISTIAN, take good care of thy faith; for recollect faith is the only way whereby you can obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven – on which God's messages of love fly so fast, that before we call He answers, and while we are yet speaking He hears us. But if that telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble? – I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten about by the enemy? – my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away – in vain I call to God. There is no road betwixt my soul and heaven. In the deepest winter-time faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel – ay, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King? Faith links me

with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jevovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defence. It helps to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that wavereth – who is like a wave of the Sea – expect that he will receive anything of God! O then, Christian, watch well thy faith; for with it you can win all things, however poor you are, but without it you can obtain nothing. "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes."

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2013 - 24 February: Boldly Pleading the Blood Of Jesus Hastens The Defeat Of Schizophrenia (2)

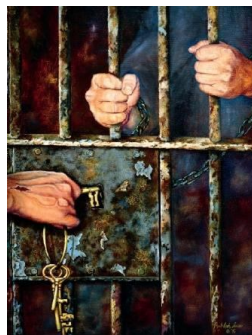
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light and power of your conquering Holy Spirit's presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



AFTER DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me.

Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord.” *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the Lord will grow because the words will impart “spirit and life” into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of Jesus.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you can eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live for ever.” John 6:53-58

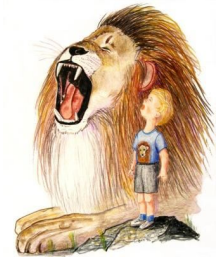
The LORD said to Joshua “...Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:6-9

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. Isaiah 61:10-11

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER:

17 August: God's Guiding Hand Is Mighty As You Fight Schizophrenia's Untried Way

You maybe reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this "monster" of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-trying and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, He paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as "The Resurrection and the Life". He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting His sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought Him back from the dead in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite Him into your life right now? It's a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!!



"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals