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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 29th YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

HOW TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY FOR THE PROTECTION AND FREEING OF YOUR MIND

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6 : Key Verses 10-18 The

Armour of God - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have



done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the saints.

Every born-again Christian who suffers with schizophrenia must learn and know the huge importance of being able to pray and battle against spiritual forces of darkness attacking his life.

Never undervalue being able to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit using the Word of God. For me it was the number one priority during 26 years of contending against Satanic powers that schemed unrelentlessly to destroy my life.

Real demonic schizophrenia is like no other mental oppression. The voices running wild inside your head need to be confronted by the greater voice of Jesus's living presence, the Holy Spirit.

Your whole life needs to take on the path of prayer. The prayer I speak of is not just mouthing words but prayer united to Christ and performed in the power of the Holy Spirit "who helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

The next verse is full of revelation: "And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." Romans 8:26-28.

The day you really discover that the Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour, who lives in you not only prays within you, but also makes intercession at the throne of God for you, will make you a transformed Christian.

To be aware that each and every day can evidence the ministry of prayer from Jesus both in your life and at God's throne can despatch a mighty note of victory to your life with the potential of breaking the power of schizophrenia.

It can inspire you with such faith as to aggressively resist in the Name of Jesus every advance to usurp control of your life by Satan's evil power. Armed with the confidence of your standing in God enables you to pray like at no other time, as if life itself depended on it.

Knowing that God is watching over you, protecting you and fighting with you builds up your inner strength. Taking hold of all the power he has at your disposal certainly builds your confidence in him. Your life has been redeemed – not with silver and gold but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ – so how dare spiritual forces scheme to harm you or seek to rob you of your freedom and destiny.

For far too long we have allowed the devil to walk over us. Have you made that mistake? Know who you are in Jesus. Take hold of his power. See yourself as the child of the King. Walk and talk with him each day. Don't give any ground whatsoever to the devil... instead resist him with all your might.

Many were the times during my bondage of schizophrenia when faith in Jesus was challenged. The devil sought to weaken my faith, as he does with us all. Feelings were always wanting to take over the activity of faith. But you know something? When you believe the Word of God and know it in your spirit as God's undisputed and unique Word, it is a sure and certain anchor.

When you pray with the Psalmist David: **"Hear me, O God, as I voice my complaint; protect my life from the threat of the enemy," (Psalm 64)** you have faith to believe God hears your prayer. When the words of Jesus ring in your heart... **"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours," (Mark 11:24)** you have faith to believe the promise. Not only in the difficulty of schizophrenia will Jesus protect you, but he has sufficient power to completely free you from the bondage!

In your weakness the grace of God and the Word of God make you strong. When the power of God is within a person – even someone in bondage to a stronghold as powerful as schizophrenia – then that stronghold has to yield. Get used to the fact that Jesus is the breaker of strongholds and of all demonic presences in our lives. There's nothing too big for him to conquer.

I leave you today with an incident taken from the gospel of Luke (chapter 6) which is full of encouragement. **"He (Jesus) went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the sea-coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all."**

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2018 22 July - The Deeper You Advance In Prayer With Jesus Christ The Easier It Becomes To Defeat Schizophrenia

2017 15 January - Meeting God Early Will Keep Advancing Your Fight To Become Free Of Schizophrenia

2016 24 April - A Strong Devotional Life With Jesus Christ Releases Power To Defeat Schizophrenia

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CHAPTER 11 OF SCHIZOPHRENIA DEFEATED - TINA FINDS IT HARD TO COPE

We arrived back from honeymoon to start our married life in Chesterfield in the well-built, semi-detached Victorian home where I had lived since 1972. The fact that my illness had prevented me from keeping on top of many household jobs was something that soon became apparent to Tina now she had returned as the lady of the house. But the immediate crisis it caused was something I wish I could have avoided for her sake.

Neither of us felt completely fresh after our two weeks in Malta, nor were we equipped with a preparedness to launch into the thrill of what newly-marrieds are bursting to accomplish. Tina had more desire than I had in wanting to sort things out, but I lacked motivation because of tiredness.

She was used to rising to any occasion; however, discouragement soon set in when she saw I was unable to stand with her in applying myself to certain projects. Work commitment in Sheffield took almost all my strength, so that I had little left on reaching home to fire up any enthusiasm to start again. Little did I realise what was going on in Tina's mind and heart in those early days of marriage.

While going about the house, she found endless clutter of paperwork, magazines, sermon notes, and Mars bar wrappers intended for an offer never sent. In all this she saw "the schizophrenic mind" and the symptoms of a hoarding behavioural pattern.

She told me later: "I knew that if I had to wait to sit down with you and go through the enormous amount that I found in the cellar, bedroom, wardrobe and cubbyhole, it would have taken endless time and you would have delayed the whole procedure. So while you were at work I sorted through everything and made several visits to the refuse tip with countless black bags. I kept the important personal things, such as Philip's birth certificate, but the majority had to go, as I would never have been able to cope otherwise."

The accumulation of all this backlog was only part of my problem. There were also the numerous, obvious irritations that showed the house had lacked DIY attention in the realm of basic improvements.

Take the front door, for example. Each time there was a caller, it was necessary to roll back the carpet over the uneven floor to open it the space of about eighteen inches. If you managed this without the heavy curtain behind the door crashing down on you, as the rail only rested on a large nail, then you were fortunate. The quick way out, of course, was to shout to callers to open the gate and go to the back door.

Another irritation was the need to use large paper clips on two of the four green patterned curtains stretching across the large bay window area. During courting days, this much-needed ingenuity to make sure the curtains closed properly was hilariously funny, but now the routine proved only to be frustrating.

I had done my best over the years to complete major projects. New attractive mahogany windows and secondary glazing in the lounge and front bedroom were a distinct feature, but there were a thousand and one items of evidence clear to the eye of neglect on my part, all because of my inability to get jobs done.

I was unaware that a bit of carpet in the bedroom fitted on the area bordering the main carpet smelt musty and needed removing, if only to give Tina the opportunity of sleeping better and so avoid her sneezing attacks.

When Tina failed to see the evidence she wanted of my having returned to normal life sooner than I did, it caused her frustration. I had been delivered and healed without doubt, but where was the much-needed evidence to show the mighty work God had really done?

We both realised that my healing was going to be progressive, with restoration coming gradually as my mind received strength. I thought that in the same way a body takes time to recover after major surgery, so my mind, which had suffered prolonged intensive onslaught for 26 years, needed time to be fully restored. The healing started on May Day would need to continue and my personal freedom become more enlarged.

I was again cast on God for the wisdom of His grace at each and every turn. The wonder began to dawn on me that over my long illness I had been able to keep a job down, whereas a large majority of schizophrenics are unable to stir themselves to work, let alone remain constantly employed. I had done that for long years, even with the additional trauma of the major crisis of Pam's illness and losing her. The responsibilities, too, involved in bringing up my children afterwards, were carried out all without a major long recuperation.

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 JESUS CHRIST 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 CHRIST.

(Jesus said): "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." John 6: 63-64

The apostles said to the LORD, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. Luke 17: 5-6

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13 20-21

You may be 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-tried 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

