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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 33 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

THE LIGHT OF THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE STRONG DELIVERER OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 8: Key Verses 12-20: The Validity of Jesus' Testimony:

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no-one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the one who sent me – the Father." Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no-one seized him, because his time had not yet come.



The spiritual bondage of schizophrenia is like no other. The mystery surrounding it baffles just about every psychiatrist unable to offer a sufferer hope of ever returning to normal life with the kind of freedom each of us is meant to enjoy. No other mental bondage suddenly erupts upon the human mind in late teens or early adulthood as schizophrenia does, nor instantaneously transmits a controlling hold on life as to throw it into a chaotic existence.

I possess no psychiatric training whatsoever that qualifies me to help another schizophrenic. However, the true hope and encouragement of coming out of this mental bondage which I am able to offer is the kind others are most eager to know. We seek to magnify the delivering and healing power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God to triumph over and defeat what is basically a spiritual problem caused by Satan and not just a mental one.

It is most unusual to possess knowledge and revelation about a field of medical science without having trained in that area. I spread real hope of defeating schizophrenia founded in Jesus Christ and based on having come out of the mental illness after 26 crippling years. In more than ten years since starting the Weekly Encourager through our ministry **Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals** on www.schizophreniadefeated.com, we are encouraged to keep on shining the light of Jesus Christ knowing He is indeed the only Strong Deliverer of schizophrenia. A recent contact from Australia suffering with schizophrenia wrote to express appreciation for hope and encouragement received from the website. Knowing that I had come through to freedom through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ imparted faith to persevere herself and build expectation from Jesus.

As a born-again Christian suffering with schizophrenia, are you really aware who it is living within you? No less a person than God himself! You are not meant to spend your days in spiritual darkness – out of which schizophrenia is born. If the good news about the certainty of being delivered and healed through the power of Jesus Christ has not gripped your life so far, may it do so right now. The life of the Lord Jesus within you is well able to defeat the condition and bring you into the freedom you are longing to know. Jesus himself said: **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

The moment you accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour into your life and received forgiveness of your sin, spiritual light in the Person of the Holy Spirit, the living Presence of Jesus, claiming you as His own, came in as well. All the words of Jesus you are familiar with are full of light. He himself said that his words were both “spirit and life”. Fill your life with his words and you will be filling yourself with his light. They go hand in hand. Satan may know the word of God but he doesn’t know the power of it like you know it. The promises of God shining out of your life and being declared from your mouth and heart are enough to unseat the demon of schizophrenia and, any others who have come in too.

Schizophrenia is only overcome by the power of the blood of Jesus. His victory on the Cross of Calvary was a triumph of his love over all the powers of spiritual darkness in the kingdom of Satan. So, you can see the need if you want to be free of schizophrenia of possessing his power in your life. Be ready for a contest armed with the power of Jesus. Become full of his word in both heart and mind as you decide to secure more light from Jesus to shine and fill your life. By faith you are gradually winning the battle for your thought life and contesting the voices which seek to confuse and control to your life.

As a soldier belonging to Jesus, ask him often for the protection of his light around your mind, the centre of activity. “Lord strengthen my mind by your Holy Spirit and protect it from onslaughts of the enemy,” is no wasted prayer. Put your hands on your head as you pray for protection. God wants every trace of spiritual darkness out of your mind for good as you drive out every evil spirit influencing your life. Remember, you are not fighting alone. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is fighting with you. God will not let you down as you face up to the foe.

Begin to do self-deliverance on your life by commanding the spirit of schizophrenia to leave your life. You will be effective as long as the living presence of Jesus remains inside of you. You must remain living “in him” to know his power. Keep asking the Lord to fill you with his Spirit TODAY. He **“Christ (is) in you, the hope of glory.”** (Colossians 1:27). Your prayers may not at first seem to be doing anything but you are making ground.

You may feel at times that you are keeping hold of God by just a thread of faith in your pursuit of becoming free. A life that has a spirit of schizophrenia in it can be reclaimed through commanding each and every intruding spirit to leave. Declare to them that your life belongs to Jesus Christ and the spirit or spirits have no legal right to remain in your life because Jesus died for you. Bid them be gone through declaration of the blood of Jesus who purchased you for his own.

If you were to ask what was the most important truth God enabled me to keep before he broke through with deliverance and healing in May 1990, I would underline *...having a determination to hold to the word of God*. Without this lifeline, I doubt if I would be alive today. Come rain, storm or insanity unleashed into my life, I did my best (God helping me) to quote his word found in the Bible and never allowed it to drift away from my mind and heart. As I did, the LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS REMAINING IN MY LIFE. The volume of light began to increase over the years – as prayer increased coupled with a growing resolve to be free. THEN, JESUS ENABLED ME TO DRIVE OUT THE DARK SPIRIT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS LIGHT OF TRUTH AND... MOMENTS LATER HE SENT A RAY OF LIGHT TO MY HEAD WHICH WAS HIS TOUCH OF HEALING.

Whatever method or way God uses in your life to bring you his freedom, may you soon know his deliverance and healing followed by his restoration. Remember that "The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27: verse 1.

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
TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL**

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: ¹

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. ²

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. ^{2a}

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. ³

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. ⁴

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. ⁵

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. ⁶

Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

—by Derek Prince

¹ Revelation 12:11
"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." [That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the blood of Jesus.]

² Ephesians 1:7
In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace . . .

^{2a} Psalm 107:2
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

³ 1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁴ Romans 5:9
Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

⁵ Hebrews 13:12
Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

⁶ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2020 18 October - Praising God Is A Mighty Weapon In Driving Out Schizophrenia

2019 16 June – How God Can Use The Affliction Of Schizophrenia To Bring Hope To Others

2018 14 January – Becoming Free Ends All The Grief You Suffered With Schizophrenia

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 18 APRIL

PERSEVERE IN FAITH AND PRAYER WHEN THE LOAD OF SCHIZOPHRENIA WEARIES YOU

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 8: Key Verses 4-15: *While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand." "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it and by persevering produce a crop."*

The goal of persevering in faith and prayer is to see the defeat of schizophrenia – something which God Himself is standing by you to achieve.

As a Christian determined to come through this monster of mental bondages, you value leaning hard on God to provide all that is needed to conquer what is a spiritual battle.

In the course of battling through there are sure to be times when bouts of weariness exist until freedom comes as the demon behind the condition is cast out. Take heart that God is fighting with you.

Press on no matter how long or how hard is the journey of faith and prayer to your freedom. If on medication, the fight is bound to feel more difficult because of experiencing bad feelings in your mind on top of everything else.

Remember that you are a faith-filled traveller who is trusting the promises of God to bring you through. When Jesus died on the Cross, His victory included the defeat of all the work of Satan, your life-long enemy, including the conquest over schizophrenia.

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*

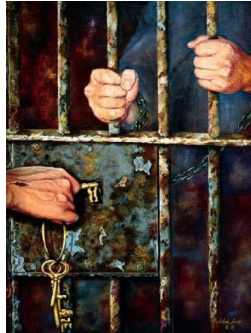
me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out 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"

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

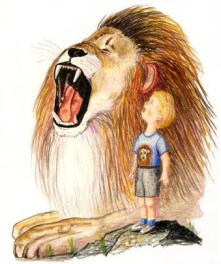
We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your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

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." John 12: 35-36

In the same way, the Spirit 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. 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: 26-27

When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Luke 8: 35-36

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-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