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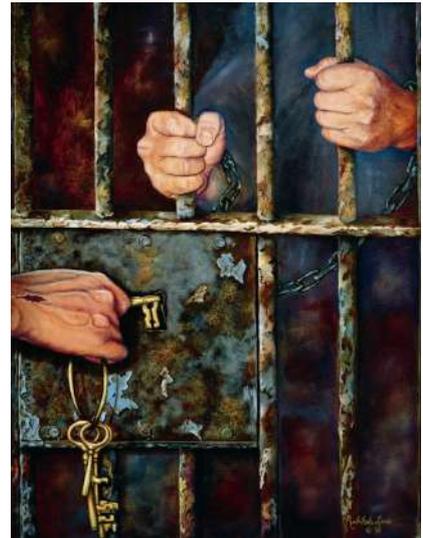
Weekly Encourager - 12 September 2021

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 33 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

PRAISING GOD IS A MIGHTY WEAPON IN DRIVING OUT SCHIZOPHRENIA

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ACTS
CHAPTER 16: Key Verses 22-34:**

Paul and Silas in Prison: The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family.



When schizophrenia strikes it normally heralds the start of the disintegration of personality coupled with an imprisoned life-style. The good news is that Jesus can rescue from both.

He is the only HOPE of a way out of a powerful mental bondage which suddenly throws all and sundry into a survival mode of living. It is entirely baffling to know just what to do or where to turn.

As a believer in Jesus Christ when the spiritually dark thunderbolt arrived, the only safe refuge to hide in was Jesus Himself. He drew near. Having a mind clouded and overcome by such a heavy bondage threw me entirely on His help.

Can I tell you of the faithfulness of God in both keeping and strengthening me through the demonic maze of schizophrenia – finally to grant His power to set me free? I hope telling my story will inspire and enlarge your faith and eventually lead you to complete freedom!

My testimony is all about JESUS. Without His grace and power I would never have survived 26 years of mental hell. To JESUS belongs ALL the glory, ALL the honour, ALL the power and ALL the praise. He is worthy to receive unceasing worship and adoration.

I came through not by might nor by power but by God's Spirit (see Zechariah 4:6). When I often reached the end of my stores of human endurance, "my Father's full giving had only begun." The truth and comfort I can pass on to you today is that Jesus is the Great Liberator of schizophrenia. Real freedom with the prison doors blasted wide open is found only in Him. What He has done for me, He can do for you. I am so grateful to God that He allowed me to pass through deep troubled waters in order to be a source of comfort and inspiration to others. I would never have known the reality of this precious verse written by the apostle Paul and found in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1 had I not experienced living with "schizophrenia on the inside" and being set free by Jesus:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

I am often amazed how many people from many nations of the world write into our website asking for understanding and help. I feel quite inadequate at times in responding to such immense need. The Lord often puts me in remembrance that He brought me out to shine around the world beacons of hope concerning deliverance and healing from schizophrenia. I realise this must be done in the absence of a clear and strong light shining from His universal church. When the chorus is being sung in church for the glory of Jesus: "Shine your light, let the whole world see," I say a hearty "Amen" to that. Shining the true light of hope out to a world where at least one in every hundred people in every country is in schizophrenia bondage, is a privilege indeed! Each person suffering with schizophrenia needs the power of Jesus to drive out the demonic bondage.

I once prayed: "Lord, I don't care what it costs, I want to follow you." I really meant it, having little understanding what anguish would follow such a prayer. The human ordeal and suffering were beyond words – but Jesus would not allow the dark pressure to consume me over many, many years. He knew I was fighting for His freedom in my life, and He helped me keep trust in Him to bring me through. **HE CARRIED ME THROUGH AND HE WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH, TOO.** My story IS ALL ABOUT HIM AND WHAT HE AS GOD CAN DO! What greater joy can any human being have than that of commending such a personal God who is Saviour and a Mighty Deliverer so full of love and power!

Today, you may be right in the centre of struggling with schizophrenia and, to put it plainly, you have just had enough. I know what you mean. I have been there. At this moment you can't see any HOPE in sight and doubt if life will ever change. NOW is the time to trust in "the God of hope who can fill you with joy and PEACE as you trust in Him, so that you may OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (see Romans 15:13). The hope that Jesus gives is REAL HOPE. Fasten your hope on Jesus! He is a strong anchor who will "keep your soul" in your fight to become free.

Remember in your dealings with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ - nothing is impossible. But you may say: "My life has drastically changed and I have been like this for so long, that I can't see things ever getting better." Jesus holds the key to bring you out of the prison-house. Can you believe that? "But my situation is so desperate", you may say, "that it could not get any worse than it is". Jesus knows today where you are at, the loneliness and the challenges you face, the difficulties and disappointments you carry alone, and the defeat present in your thoughts. He knows all about your sorrows... – and He cares more than you will ever know. **HE CAN END THAT DEMONIC SYNDROME IN YOUR LIFE!**

How do you begin to experience a change in what you think is possible? We deal with the important aspect of you yourself having faith in Jesus Christ in other Weekly Encouragers as well as Christians seeking to help other believers with schizophrenia defeat the bondage. When carers, helpers, churchgoers and friends strongly believe that Jesus Christ is the answer to

schizophrenia and direct their efforts to assisting you reach freedom, that is precious support indeed!

The need to believe in Jesus for deliverance and healing is vitally important, of course, to every Christian suffering with schizophrenia. No condition is guaranteed to test faith and try to squeeze it out of existence than the strength of a demonic spirit sowing, among things, a load of lies and enticements into your mind through harassing voices. Faith is one commodity for conquering schizophrenia that you must not lose. Regard it, like the Bible says, as being “precious” (2 Peter 1:1).

When faith lives in your heart it brings a confidence in God making prayer not only possible but effective. Prayer is a work of faith. When your prayers are faith-filled that is the time things begin to happen in your favour. One Scripture I memorised in the early days of having schizophrenia was: **“This is the victory which overcomes the world, even our faith”** (1 John 5:4). The truth of that verse gripped my spirit during times when I was totally baffled with life and could not make sense of my reasoning power. I felt a demonic presence and pressure in my mind that was always tormenting me with evil suggestions - and the only way was to resist and hold on to Jesus through keeping a Scriptural life-line.

But there was also another weapon God brought into my combative arsenal to resist and oppose the demonic spirits of schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide – that of praising God. This weapon is available to you, too, and it is so powerful. I used to take great comfort in the promise of Jesus that no-one was able to take away the joy He would put in my heart through knowing the power of the Holy Spirit (John 16:22). Every time I praised God seemed to bring forth both freedom and increased confidence in the Saviour I loved. When praising God you are focusing on Him alone and among the outcome resulting is you are drawn closer to God, His freedom touches your life and you catch something of the greatness of God. You will find this to be true if you start praising God! Your spirit will become enlarged as you magnify God. Sing hymns of praise to God and allow strong and mighty truths found in declarations to God in the Bible to sound forth from your mouth and heart. They will bolster up your confidence in the greatness of the God you are trusting to bring you out of schizophrenia.

Praise imparts a sense of victory into your spirit even though you have to prevail until it comes. Believing such a promise as: “If God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31) lifts you above the battles to the perspective of God’s throne. Even in the midst of the heaviness and discouragement of schizophrenia, it is still possible to know the conviction in your spirit that praise still works even when prayer seems as though it is not getting through.

I well remember discovering the power of praise in the early years of suffering with schizophrenia when I could not overcome depressing spirits tormenting and pounding my mind with suggestions of suicide. I quote from my book, *Schizophrenia Defeated* Chapter 4 of an incident when God came to my aid in a time of sheer desperation.

“I went straight upstairs into the bedroom in our home and began seeking God for help in every conceivable way I could think of, in an attempt to get free. I thumbed through the Scriptures anxious for inspiration to pray. I called out to God for help to get rid of this foe within which seemed unshakeable. It must have been a struggle lasting two hours, during which time I heard the demon suicide clearly whisper:

“Why don’t you go and throw yourself in the Dearne? It’ll soon be over!”

The River Dearne was a small distance away and I had a picture in my mind of a certain spot as the demon spoke. I fought on, mustering all the spiritual strength and opposition I could from God’s word by repeating Scriptures rapidly as the battle intensified to take my mind. Then, suddenly it occurred to me to begin speaking in tongues and fight the evil spirits with this unknown strategy demons are unable to understand and cope with...

What a provision from God it was going to prove! I began speaking very quietly in tongues, conscious all the time of the battle against the suicidal spirit raging in my mind. It was only after 15 minutes or so when the strength of my voice increased that I was aware of the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit beginning to get the mastery. I got off my knees, walked the length and breadth of the bedroom speaking as loudly as I could. The joy of impending victory began to touch my life as I realised that my precious Jesus had moved in to fight the battle.

When I was assured that God had given me the upper hand and the Satanic attack had retreated I began to praise God in tongues for giving the victory. The demon of suicide was not cast out that day, however, and reappeared in strength years later. God alone knew the sheer desperation of that day; mere words are unable to convey the internal struggle that ensued.”

Praise is the Spirit’s weapon that often sets a person free. Prayer and fasting can do a lot to prepare the way to bring deliverance but praise has the ability to take the initiative out of Satan’s hands. The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people. We certainly need the power of His Presence to see Satan resisted and caused to flee. Satan can’t stand God being praised - you know that don’t you?

Praise is an effective weapon in securing your deliverance and healing. So begin using it – to glorify the God whose Name is worth praising, and in whose hands is the power to accomplish great deliverances and healings through receiving and using His authority and power for His glory. The power released by God to drive out every demonic presence - including the nest associated with schizophrenia – was all part of the triumph of Jesus Christ on the Cross when He defeated death, Satan and the kingdom of darkness for you! He made sure through His great sacrifice that your life WAS NOW YOUR’S TO LIVE – TO HIS PRAISE AND GLORY!

To receive more encouragement regarding what the Lord Jesus Christ can do through the power of being praised, read the following account of how he delivered and healed me of 26 years of bondage of schizophrenia on May Day, 1990: Delivered And Healed Within Minutes – Extract From Chapter 9 of Schizophrenia Defeated

The memorable day when I was set free was on a bright and sunny May Day Bank Holiday in 1990, the extra public bank holiday for workers to enjoy, but for me a day of joyous freedom through deliverance and healing. It was a day to be outdoors, so Tina and I headed for the Clent Hills, our favourite spot for a walk and chat.

During a leisurely stroll, Tina pointed out that my problem was one of schizophrenia. She said it in a matter-of-fact way, but no sooner had she spoken than the Holy Spirit said to me: “That’s right. That’s what it is.” I found myself totally agreeing with her for the very first time.

It was as though light and truth from the Holy Spirit dawned on my mind and I could see myself as I really was. No more disagreement or opposition from me, but a simple acceptance of what she had said. Revelation had at long last penetrated my mind.

Arriving back at her home, I was moved to ask if we could pray together. It proved a mighty time of aggressive intercession during which the Lord moved into our praying and carried me heavenward with powerful pleadings. I told God I was so angry with the enemy of my life for having messed it up all these many years. It was earnest petitioning coupled with a desperate cry for help, to me so urgent and real that I told Tina in an aside to be quiet because I was really talking with God and getting through, and it was important to unburden my heart and share my need.

I came out of that prayer more powerful than when I went into it, but I also received an assurance from the Holy Spirit that the evil power was going to be cast out and by the end of the day I would be free.

I could see that Tina was looking tired, as she often had been in her loving, devoted help to me for so long. The thought of having more prayer was dropped and I decided it was time to leave for home at Chesterfield.

We kissed and said cheerio at New Street Station, Birmingham. I was itching to get my

teeth into a book called *Pigs in the Parlour*. I read of how evil spirits can, through lack of watchfulness or dabbling in the occult, be allowed to walk into our lives like pigs coming into the best lounge in our homes and squatting down in all their filth without being moved on. I spent the time before boarding the train praying in the toilet, asking God for a quiet spot on the journey so that I could read undisturbed.

I found a single seat right up front in the first carriage next to the engine. As I read first of all the chapter on schizophrenia, and then two more, faith and confidence began to rise in my heart. I really believed that God was not only able to rid me of this demonic presence but that He was going to show me how to do it single-handed.

On reaching home, a joyous anticipation of being set free gripped my life. The fact that I had never before cast out evil spirits from my own life or anyone else's didn't seem to matter. I turned the whole business over to God and said: "Lord, you'll have to help me because getting demons out is all new to me."

The way forward came when God replied in an instant. "Blast them out," was the inspiration that flashed across my mind.

The Lord had given His directions on how to proceed, so I turned the settee into the bay window to give me privacy. Because Satan and demons loathe intensely hearing God being praised and worshipped, it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to me to declare in praise who was really on the throne of my life and who had the right to own all my life.

Addressing the evil presence in my life, I said: "I'll blast you out!"

So, using a cassette of praise choruses put together at my church, Zion Assembly of God, I sat on the settee with my right leg resting on an upright chair minus my sock and shoe. I played triumphant praise as loudly as possible from the recorder into the area around my right knee where the feeling of cramp was still present. On the train journey home the nagging power it always produced seemed muffled during the reading of the book.

When the 20 minute tape reached the chorus, "Jesus at Your Name we bow the knee", I thought it had particular significance to my praying. So I leaned over and addressed the demon in my right leg, saying: "Do you hear that, you demon of schizophrenia, bow the knee to Jesus!"

I then sat back waiting on the Lord until the rest of the tape ran out. I then turned the cassette off and with the Lord helping me, I challenged the demon's legal right to be in my life. I pleaded the blood of Christ and asserted the Lordship of Christ over my life, telling the demons that they had no legal right to be occupying my life because Jesus Christ of Nazareth had died for me. I declared boldly that they had been pigs in the parlour of my life for far too long and now had to go. I commanded the demon of schizophrenia to leave my life and go to the dry and waterless place, and THEN IT HAPPENED.

Glory to Jesus! There were two movements across the middle of my right leg followed by a third which was distinct from the other two, all going down my leg and out through my bare foot, providing a sensation of release. I knew without doubt that the evil forces had left my life. I believe the three movements represented a "nest of spirits" being exorcised, and were demons of schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide.

I almost hit the ceiling with joy as I realised that God had won a deliverance in my life. Then I thought to ring Tina to tell her the good news. Walking to the phone in the corner of the room, the Holy Spirit checked me and I sat down on the settee. Placing my hands in three places over my head, I prayed: "Lord, believing that You have enabled me to cast out those demons in my life, You heal what has been knotted up in my mind for all these years."

As I was still speaking, God unleashed laser-type healing power right through the centre of my head. It was just like the promise in Isaiah 65:24 "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear".

On this particular day, He responded with greased-lightning speed. I didn't feel the impact of God's healing power so much at the sides of my head. The "rays" of power cut through the centre and I felt in a split-moment of time, power infusing the top of my head down to my forehead and right through to the base of my neck. It was God hitting the bull's eye in the area where I needed His healing power.

I heard in years to come an explanation of the dramatic events that changed my life that evening. In a tape called "The Substance of Prayer" on the subject of unleashing the power of prayer, Dutch Sheets of Colorado Springs mentions that for some prayers to be answered there needs to be a sufficient amount of power released "to get the job done". The more difficult

situation calls for persistent prayer and the accumulation of those prayers, he says. God sometimes answers certain prayers immediately, but others need “more prayers from the saints of God” to fill up the golden bowls of incense out of which God sends the answer.

At a given moment, says Sheets, when the censer has been filled with enough prayers, God tells the angel to hurl the fire of the healing power of God to earth, so providing the answer required. (Revelation 8 verses 3 to 8.) The moment of breakthrough for me came that afternoon in prayer when God came into the praying and the censer reached its fullness imparting the assurance of freedom. But the sending of the fire to heal my mind followed the deliverance from evil spirits.

Knowing I was now both delivered and healed, I raced to the phone to tell Tina the good news. Though she was tired, she fully entered into my rejoicing.

“Well, how did it happen?” she asked.

I then filled her in with the details.

“It’s just wonderful. I’m so thrilled for you, James. God has answered our prayers at last. Blessed be His Name.”

I was disappointed that Tina was not with me to see the immediate effect of healing on my face, now aglow and full of joy. The band of tightness around my mind was no longer there. Instead of my face being under the influence of a mind paralysed through deep entrenchment by evil spirits, it was bursting with joy because of the inner release. I said to Tina:

“I can’t wait to get down to see you on Saturday. You will be meeting a new man. I tell you I look different.”

I went to work the next morning in Sheffield feeling so very different, like a man having walked out of a prison house with his chains left inside the cell. The inner joy and strength enabled me to get on with my work a lot easier. There was no fear upon my life, because God had broken it in every form. I knew there was now power in my life through the fresh realisation of Jesus dying for me. The authority I possessed in Him caused me to walk ten feet high.

My longing to travel down to Halesowen to see Tina was with me throughout the whole working week. Every night I was on the phone to tell her how I was getting on:

“It’s just wonderful. On getting home from work I don’t feel tired. There’s no need to go upstairs to rest or sleep like before. The healing has brought fresh strength into my life, and I’m living a new life.”

The effects and benefits of deliverance and healing were both immediate and immense. Not only was my mind set free, but also my locked-up emotions and the straitjacket around my body dropped off. I felt no restrictions to begin such things like gardening, where the thought of doing the work before was actually more tiring than the work itself. I no longer needed to employ someone to dig over my garden, such a small area that it had become something of a joke with one or two friends that I needed to engage someone to do the work for me. But in the past, digging had proved a problem to me as I lacked the physical strength. It was far easier for me to ask a gardener to come and do the work while I wrote articles for the *New Life* newspaper and paid him for his time and effort from the earnings received.

Wonder of wonders, I actually became interested in DIY, and my productivity increased plus the zest for living. The enjoyment of natural life, of which I had been deprived for so long because of my condition, returned. The delusion concerning legitimate pleasures left. I felt able to sit out in the sun without a hat on and really enjoy the heat on my head, as I now did in my lunch break on the lawn near the bus shelter in Pond Street, Sheffield, praising God and speaking in tongues.

The deliverance and freedom that Jesus had brought into my life was visible to all. My children saw a marked difference and got their real father back. Colleagues in the office observed a brighter countenance replacing a heaviness and tiredness around my eyes. It was a freedom and freshness hitherto not seen. Christian friends, too, noticed what God had done, though many didn’t have the interest to ask how I had become set free, possibly because of a lack of understanding about the demonic influence on my life.

So eager was I to see Tina on the first Saturday morning that I made it down to the Chesterfield railway station and caught the first train. Waiting for the Birmingham connection at Derby station, I went into a photo-booth at 06.30 to take four quick snaps as joyful evidence to me, and others, of the great difference in my face that healing had produced.

Meeting Tina at her home, I wrapped her in my arms and was bubbling over with what

God had done in my life.

"You certainly look so different. I can see that something has happened right away, because your eyes seem full of light, not like before," she said.

Our being together from now on proved so much more relaxing, and we enjoyed "bathing" in the new life that God had brought me into. I wondered at one stage whether or not I should still go ahead and attend the ministry centre for counselling and healing consultation, now that I had been delivered, but I decided to keep the appointment, though not knowing what to expect.

By the time a few weeks had elapsed before going, I realised a little that there had been a 26-year gap in my life in which I had not developed naturally.

There were not only areas in my life to regain which demonic forces had taken to themselves, but I had to reorientate myself into life again. I later discovered this was going to take quite a long time. I came to realise that although the demons had left, the thought-patterns they had established in my life needed totally breaking. So I continued praying, waiting on God, meditating, doing everything I had done prior to being set free in order to strengthen my life.

I still continued getting out of bed at 5 a.m., even the first morning after arriving at the ministry centre. I walked downstairs into the main entrance to get a cup of coffee, and then questioned myself: "Why are you up so early?"

I realised it was now time to take things more easily and enjoy my new freedom. So I went back to bed to enjoy more rest and the added delight that at eight o'clock the sun began shining on my face through the already opened window. It was a time of peace and wonderful relaxation.

The time of counselling over two days proved both helpful and interesting as the two counsellors sought to lead me into greater freedom. Although they accepted my testimony of healing and deliverance, they were aware from the contents of my letter how strong the religious spirit had been. I cooperated fully with them in conversation and prayer, knowing of their keenness to help me.

During the next eight months, I gradually began to get stronger and stronger. Now I was free, I began pressing Tina on the question of getting engaged, but time and time again she was not being hurried.

"I'm aware that the Lord has done something wonderful in setting you free, but please give me a little more time before we decide to go ahead," she said.

When I was absent from her, Tina was doing a lot of praying and seeking the mind of the Lord whether to commit herself in marriage. I was anxious for us to get engaged and name the big day, but in a way I was pleased she took things less hurriedly, as it gave me more time to start the long steady process of restoration and recuperation.

She herself needed space and was determined to avoid pressurised circumstances after locating discomfort in her abdomen and diaphragm area. Being involved with me emotionally and acting as deliverance minister rolled into one had taken an immense toll. I was in full agreement with her decision that until she sorted herself out, trips up to Chesterfield would be less frequent.

However, they say everything comes to him who waits. It certainly did for me in the early months of 1991 when it seemed that the vision of Tina in a bridal gown was moving to fulfilment, as we decided to announce our engagement in April.

In my heart of hearts I always knew it wouldn't be too long in coming.

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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2020 8 November - Enforce The Victory Of Jesus Christ on Calvary By Prayer Warfare

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2018 29 April - God's Guiding Hand Is Mighty As You Fight Schizophrenia's Untried Way

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 19 SEPTEMBER

SEEKING AND DWELLING IN YOUR PRESENCE O GOD ...

Psalm 91: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge, his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

1. In Your presence
That's where I am strong
In Your presence
O Lord my God
In Your presence
That's where I belong
Seeking Your face
Touching Your grace
In the cleft of the Rock
In Your presence O God

3. I want to hide
Where the flood of
Evil cannot reach me
Where I'm covered by the blood
I want to be where
The schemes of darkness
Cannot touch me
In Your presence O God

2. I want to go
Where the rivers
Cannot overflow me
Where my feet are
On the rock
I want to hide
Where the blazing
Fire cannot burn me
In Your presence O God

4. You are my firm foundation
I trust in You all day long
I am Your child
And Your servant
And You are my
Strength and my song
You're my song
Seeking Your face
Touching Your grace
In the cleft of the Rock
In Your presence O God
In Your presence

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.



GLOBALISM
FAKE AND BIASED NEWS
POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS
UNREPORTED NEWS

GOOD NEWS!!

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THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM AND WILL REIGN WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

GOD WANTS US TO BE READY FOR HIS COMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN YOU ASK JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ETERNAL SON, TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN, WHICH IS PRIDE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. THE DAY YOU ACCEPT HIM INTO YOUR LIFE HE GIVES THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HIS EVERLASTING PEACE!

WHAT NEXT? BUY A BIBLE FROM ANY BOOKSTORE AND SEARCH THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US!

DON'T DELAY!
GO FOR IT!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT?

1. Violence and knife crime is on the increase, particularly in the west.
2. Family breakdown. Civil, ethnic and political unrest.
3. Deception - growing confusion, regarding beliefs and gender identity.
4. Growing belief in Universalism - all religions lead to God and no-one has the monopoly of TRUTH. A move to a one world religion.
5. People are sold into the lie of not giving offence to others, rather than upholding what they believe as truth, hence the rise of Political Correctness.
6. A move towards a One World government. The emergence of 'Deep State' with powerful secret societies, such as 'The Illuminati', manoeuvring across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted - through the irradiation of country borders and nationhood.



7. Federal Reserve. This is a private bank and is not monitored. These bankers want to help control the world and the finance system. They originally took gold from the Americas into the Federal Reserve for safe keeping but never returned it.
8. Famines and unprecedented migration. Earthquakes - more in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries. Many wars across every continent with thousands of innocent people and children killed.
9. Climate change involvement is becoming completely dominant in people's hearts and minds. Some theological students in New York are confessing their sins to plants! A generation is emerging that is worshipping creation rather than God the creator!

WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? QUITE A LOT!

Jesus Christ's first coming was prophesied around 137 times in the Old Testament of the Bible hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. There are over 200 prophecies regarding His Second Coming in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus lived for around 33 years, was then falsely accused and suffered by dying on the Cross outside Jerusalem around 2,000 years ago. There He died for you and me and God's anger for our sin was placed on Him. After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and three days later came back to life. He went back to heaven but promised to return to earth to take those who love Him to be with Him forever.

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24, that the following would take place before He returns to the earth:-

1. False Christs and false prophets will appear.
2. Wars and rumours of wars.
3. Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
4. Those who are followers of Jesus Christ will be hated and even put to death.

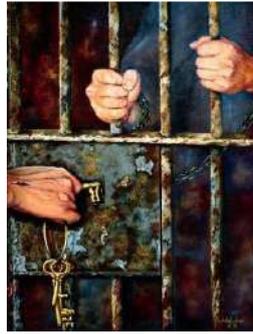
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn because of Him. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24:29-30). Why did they mourn? Because they were not prepared for His Coming!
8. Jesus warned His disciples to "keep watch" and to be aware of the times in which we live. He said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What was characteristic of those days? Violence and wickedness was rife and present in everyone's mind was only evil all the time.

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.

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdelene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it. Mark 16: 9-11

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ... In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1: 3 and 7

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving towards all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145: 17-21

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-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