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Weekly Encourager - 16 October 2022

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 32 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 34 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

TAKE HOLD OF THE WORD OF GOD FOR MASTERY OF YOUR THOUGHTS

THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT OVERCOMING THE SCHIZOPHRENIC MIND

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ROMANS CHAPTER 8: Key Verses 26-28 More Than Conquerors:

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, 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. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Verses 35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of



Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger of sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is a powerful advantage beyond words to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord before the onset of schizophrenia strikes. What a blessing it is to have walked in the ways of God and known his power ahead of the turmoil that descends with the worst psychotic disorder of all. I am so grateful that Jesus found, saved, instructed and taught me in his ways years before the demon of schizophrenia appeared, but, nevertheless, I was completely subdued by the powers of spiritual darkness.

None of us are a match for Satan and his cohorts unless Jesus fights within us. That you or I can ever come through, survive and defeat a continuous battle of the mind is only possible trusting in the power of Jesus and his great faithfulness. But what an impossible and fruitless struggle it is to find the nerve to oppose the forces of the power of darkness, unless armed with the victorious power from the Mighty Redeemer from heaven itself!

A living faith and full surrender to Jesus does result in a person becoming truly spiritually-minded. It is much more difficult to experience if schizophrenia came before knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour – but NOW gloriously possible with having received the Holy Spirit. As more spiritual light, truth and knowledge comes to you from the living presence of God inspiring the true Word of God found in the Bible, the whole mind starts to be transformed. It is through the release and pouring forth of God's truth into the heart and mind that faith then arises to unseat and drive out the darkness of the schizophrenic demon.

You may rightly ask: “How can I as a true Christian schizophrenic have a spiritual mind while hampered with the presence of an imprisoned schizophrenic mind? Isn’t it like living with two minds, surely a confusing existence in itself?” To obtain some real understanding for a satisfactory answer let us look at a wonderful and inspiring verse in this week’s reading from Romans 8 and verse 27: **“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.”**

Here is the secret! I shall never forget the day the Lord Jesus lit up the first part....”and he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit” ... after he set me free. He revealed a stage I often went through in my mind when praying against the pressure of evil voices trying to take over my life. The sustaining truth was that in spite of my natural mind being assailed, the “fighting” mind of the Spirit within me was unable to be touched and interfered with by demons. I believe it was kept secure in the promises and power of Jesus and, hence, my memory and thinking processes were unscathed in the 26-year-long battle with the psychotic illness. Even electric shock treatment did not cause any lasting damage!

In Schizophrenia Defeated, I point out in Chapter 3 on page 23 the struggle I often faced: “But this confusion in my thinking showed nothing less than the schizophrenic pattern of living with which I was battling. In my more lucid moments, the Holy Spirit was guiding me to do one thing; when the demonic forces inside me were fully at play, my line of thinking was challenged. The problem was that this struggle in the mind was a real drain, manifesting itself more and more in a withdrawn passivity.”

As a Christian schizophrenic you will be aware of a similar kind of battle taking place in your mind. It shows the personality of the demon wanting to take over your life. You must resist its presence and confront it in the power of the blood of Jesus. Assert that it has no legal right to stay a moment longer because Jesus now owns your life through dying for you on the Cross. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you! You WILL prevail and live to see the intruder(s) ousted and your freedom imparted through the mighty hand of God.

Remember in every step of resistance you make against the demon of schizophrenia, you are becoming stronger. It takes a measure of faith and power to drive some demons out. Therefore, don’t give up but press on in the increasing strength Jesus is giving you. Feed on the Word of God. Pray it into your spirit as ammunition in the fight to become free. The words of Jesus are spirit and life and have power to work on your behalf. What God has promised in his Word he is well able to perform. Believe it! Proclaim it against every power of darkness! You will emerge with spiritual light and authority to claim and possess your own freedom.

Take hold of the words of Jesus - who poured out his life-blood for you on the Cross and imparts the same resurrection life to you that raised him from the dead - during this coming week: **“If you obey what I say, then you are really my disciples, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”** (John 8:31).

When your freedom comes, you’ll know a free mind no longer waging war against a mind of spiritual darkness which you will have driven from your life for good. Hallelujah!

THE STEPS FROM CONVINCING TO CONTROLLING

BY E. STANLEY JONES

The work of the Holy Spirit in the subconscious mind can be summed up in these words – convincing, constraining, cleansing, co-ordinating, consecrating, contributing, comforting, controlling.

The first work of the Spirit is **convincing** – He brings us to the point where we see that the depths of us are out of our control, and that only divine power can reach and make sense of those depths. We are at the end of our resources.



He then presses no further, **constraining** us to hand over to Him the depths which are too much for us. So we inwardly surrender.

When that is done, then there is a **cleansing**. The Holy Spirit came on Jesus “like a dove,” but upon the disciples “as of fire.” Why the difference? They needed cleansing, so He came like cleansing fire. But He needed no cleansing, so the Spirit came “like a dove” – the symbol of peace, expressing the divine approval.

After the cleansing comes the **co-ordinating** – life is unified at the centre. The soul forces are fused into one. All the conflicts, the pulling in different directions, are taken out, and life is directed toward one great end. We become inwardly unanimous for God.

Then comes the **consecrating**. The cleansed and co-ordinated soul forces are now consecrated to the purposes of the Kingdom. They take on purpose and mission. Life is no longer hanging at loose ends.

Then life is **contributing**. The Holy Spirit turns the forces of life outward to contribution. The self is off its own hands and is now at leisure from itself, so it can give itself to others. This is emancipation for participation - participation in helping others.

A school teacher who had found the full life put it this way: “Inside of Him everything is safe and sanctified; outside of Him all is bewildering and treacherous.” Now your powers are “safe and sanctified” and usable. You are in the hands of the eternally Creative. He is **comforting**.

All of this is the result of the last: **controlling**. He does all these only where He is in control.

O Spirit of Grace, I give Thee control. My control is chaos – Thy control is cosmos. So I turn over to Thee everything, for when Thou hast the kingdom within, then peace and power reign there. And all is order. Amen.

AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY : The Spirit’s sevenfold work at work in me perfectly today.

(From "The Way To Power And Poise" by E. Stanley Jones)

The purpose of bringing out a Weekly Encourager is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Archive file copies contain scriptural advice, insight and help designed to give encouragement to those like yourself struggling for long sought-after freedom – so do make use of the facility provided, asking God to reveal His truth to you from the various messages. May He richly provide all you need to bring you out of the prison house of schizophrenia into His most glorious freedom! HE IS ABLE!

Let me no more my comfort draw,
From my frail hold of Thee.
In this alone rejoice with awe,
THY MIGHTY GRASP OF ME!

John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885)

And every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
ARE HIS ALONE.

Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

**Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.**

Psalm 115, 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.

FOR FURTHER READING: SEE WEEKLY ENCOURAGER ARCHIVE FILE

2021 14 November – Exercising Faith In God Writes His Laws Into Both Heart And Mind

2020 23 February – Finding God As Your Refuge And Fortress Equips You To Defeat Schizophrenia

2019 29 September – "Delivered and Healed Within Minutes" – Extract of Chapter 9, from Schizophrenia Defeated

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.

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 23 OCTOBER 2022

HOW TO FIND A RESTING PLACE WITH GOD IN PRAYER AS YOU FIGHT TO BECOME FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 11: Key Verses 25-30 Rest for the Weary:

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

It is possible to enjoy spiritual rest while fighting to be free of schizophrenia! Jesus Christ can impart heart-rest on the road to securing lasting freedom. While the battle is on to drive out the demonic bondage wrapped around your mind, the KING of kings and LORD of lords has power to pour his Presence into your chaotic situation bringing an abiding rest. The struggle out of schizophrenia is often longer, though, where there is no sense of Jesus ruling and residing in the citadel of your spirit.

That Jesus can produce and provide such a victory in the midst of living in a mental prison displays his awesome power. It's a foretaste of freedom on the way to full freedom. To be able to pull aside and sit at the feet of Jesus in the heat of the battle and rest as faith fills your heart shows you are trusting him for greater deliverances in your life. Confidence to continue fighting to secure your freedom is imparted in such times of meeting God.

Such encounters with the LORD in prayer have a powerful effect on your life. They dispel thoughts suggesting that freedom from schizophrenia is a million miles away and will never happen to you. Such discouragement can steal over you from time to time. But the strength given in times of prayer with Jesus turns the tables on such thoughts. A fear like: "I might as well settle for life as it is because the struggle is just too much" is transformed into "I'm holding on to you Lord and will battle on in faith until you break the power of this bondage within me." You'll find yourself possessing a stronger will determined not to give up because there is already a foretaste of rest resident in your heart NOW bolstering your desire for the full freedom and its permanent rest to come.

I can only speak from experience. Before deliverance and healing, I encountered seasons of what I thought was total abandonment with no sensation of the Presence of God with me; at times, silences in which I felt He was doing nothing; intense struggles in months and years of jogging along in a sort of existence. I ran often to God, my Strong Tower, because I knew there was no help anywhere else. Believing in it all that "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him", Jesus eventually drew near - even in periods of total weariness - and began imparting his comfort and strength. As I found renewal, I became fired up to seek more freedom, because those real joyous times of refreshing and rest from God encouraged me on!

If you came to know Christ before the dawning of schizophrenia on your life, you will know the experience of sins forgiven and the heart-rest through having a relationship with the Saviour of the world. To have that rest stolen from you when your mind is thrown into confusion and bondage is a loss you can't afford. You must retrieve it at all costs. You may well know the reality of running into the Presence of God as a refuge when the onslaught of turmoil hits your mind. Your only lifeline at times is to hold on in faith to the One who has promised never to leave you or forsake you.

May I point out the importance and value of early morning prayer in your fight to be free of schizophrenia. Read Psalm 63 and you will discover the benefits of seeking God and seeking him early in particular. The Psalmist, David, sought and possessed a real desire for God created by the Holy Spirit – a desire which moved him to seek God early. In spite of his sin and shortcomings we readily admit that he was always a man “after God’s own heart.” Bound together with his desire for God was a determination of heart which we sense in his words: “Early will I seek thee” (see verse one).

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!!

GOOD NEWS!

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.

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no-one will fall by following their example of disobedience. Hebrews 4: 9-11

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." John 8: 12

"See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will

prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD. Isaiah 54: 16-17

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