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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia, from James Stacey now in his 24th year of freedom from the bondage and free of all medication for over 25 years - thanks to Jesus.

## EXERCISING FAITH IN GOD WRITES HIS LAWS INTO BOTH MIND AND HEART

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS HEBREWS CHAPTER 8

*The High Priest of a New Covenant:* The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said:

"The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

"This if the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

By calling this covenant "new", he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and ageing will soon disappear.

How does God view today the plight of the Christian schizophrenic locked in a mental prison house?

Surely, He continues to be moved with compassion as much as Jesus Christ was on the day the Gadarene demoniac confronted him by the Sea of Galilee (read Mark Chapter 5).

Jesus Christ, God-incarnate, possessed the authority to drive out the entrenched forces of spiritual darkness which possessed the entire life of the man we refer to as Legion - and restore him "to his rightful mind".



Almighty God has invested through Jesus His same power and authority in His body, the Church, to accomplish the same mighty acts of liberation today. He wants to bring the rule of His kingdom in power into multitudes throughout the world where Satan has stolen years from people, and impart "life to the full" (see John 10:10).

Jesus is TODAY still raising the hopes of the mentally enslaved to realise that His power can be received through faith to drive out the evil spirit of schizophrenia and bring healing in His Name resulting in full enjoyment of life.

But you may be asking: "When is God going to turn up and set me free? I have been in this condition for so long and nothing seems to change. If God can set me free then why on earth doesn't He do it?"

May I seek to give you some encouragement founded in the truth that "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) and is able to move in and snap the strong fetters and bars around your mind for good!!

In becoming strong to defeat schizophrenia it is vitally important for a Christian schizophrenic to have a spiritual understanding of the deep significance of the Bible and the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit in one's life. But how does this work out practically?

It centres on the ability to have faith in God which allows Him to write His laws in both mind and heart. This wonderful experience is all made possible because Jesus now lives at the right hand of the Majesty on high fulfilling a new covenant with us of which He himself is the High Priest.

You may ask: "How can I know God writing His laws in my mind and heart when my mind is so full of hearing dark voices that I can't draw any power from the verses in the Word of God I fail even to remember?"

This predicament to me is the daily stress factor for any Christian schizophrenic desiring to be freed through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Two personalities are battling for control of your life – the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of an intruding dark force which plainly is the spirit of schizophrenia. The Holy Spirit has to triumph in the battle for your mind and evict and defeat the evil voices.

To be engaged in a daily thought-battle for ownership of your mind is the personal experience of a Christian schizophrenic – a problem of such depth that many family members and even psychiatrists are totally unaware of.

A spirit of passivity is often found in schizophrenics because the taking of drugs and medication has inactivated the will – and it takes some effort to rise up in faith to even think about fighting your way to freedom. You need the prayers and support of other Christians to strengthen you in your determination to overcome in the Name of Jesus the intruding voices that often run riot in your head.

1. God writes His laws into our minds and hearts as we continue to believe in His Word. Faith needs to be anchored in the Word of God. The way of preventing a spirit of schizophrenia running at will in your mind is to be full of the powerful Word of God, as it rises from a believing heart. It is the presence of the Word of God bringing the Spirit of God into your life that keeps your sanity and builds you up in strength to oppose and defeat the spirit of schizophrenia. Never minimise the power that can come into your life through possessing the Word of God as a living force – as you ruminate on it, speak it out in prayer from your heart, and allow it to become your joy and delight; it will have the desired effect of becoming the ammunition needed to resist the devil and his cohorts and finally demolish and exorcise intruding voices.

As you keep the promises of the Word of God alive in both heart and mind you will receive the light which comes through the entrance of that precious word. The Psalmist said: "The entrance of your word gives light." The battle of schizophrenia is all summed up by a contest between spiritual darkness and spiritual light. Jesus is the conqueror in the fight by virtue of His victorious triumph on the Cross of

Calvary. Because He lives, you shall live also. With His Spirit living within you the power is possessed to hold your ground when your mind is assailed.

The moment you enter real warfare that is directed to seeking to defeat the spirit of schizophrenia, expect to face some attack. While the spirit remains in your life unopposed, there will be no resistance but all that will change when you decide to take charge of your life and seek the freedom that Jesus has for you. It is at such times that you discover the preciousness of knowing the laws of God written in your heart and mind – for both will come in for some assault. Although the contest can get fierce and heated, hold on to the Word of God and its sustaining truth. Make sure you proclaim the power of the blood of Jesus and His ownership of your life, and insist with every ounce of faith within you that a spirit of schizophrenia has got no legal right to be in your life. Be insistent in prayer that it **MUST LEAVE!!**

**2. Remember that Jesus always lives to intercede for you as He fulfils His office of a permanent priesthood (Hebrews 7:25).** Be encouraged that you are not facing the onslaughts of schizophrenia in your own unaided strength. The Lord Jesus is in heaven at the right hand of the Majesty on high making intercession for you. This thought alone has the power to fill you with faith enough to claim your deliverance and healing!! Storm heaven with prayer to King Jesus. He is picking up on every prayer you make. Prayer and intercession is always a joint activity with the Spirit of Jesus assisting us in a way which we do not fully understand (Romans 8:26-27) but nevertheless it is so real. Tell Jesus what you are going through. Ask him for more light to spring from His Word into your life. Be bold in your prayers that befits your position as a royal subject of King Jesus who has shed his life blood to make you His own. Approach the throne of God in confidence knowing that your petitions will not be denied. God is much more desirous of blessing you and liberating your mind and heart for good than you will ever know. **He is standing by right now to pour the victory of His Presence and Power into your life.**

Why not make it a regular request to the Lord to release more power into your prayer life. You do not have to live without there being answers to prayers in your life!! Your life can be transformed through having powerful answers to prayer. Your confidence that schizophrenia can be defeated will grow and grow in powerful strength. In our Scripture reading, notice that the new covenant referred to speaks about God dealing with an individual and knowing Him personally. “No longer will a man teach his neighbour or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.”

While deliverance from schizophrenia can be realised through the direct intervention of the prayers of a fellow Christian, let it also be said that a person suffering schizophrenia can be equipped to effect their own deliverance, as in my own life, through the prayers of others. Those prayers may be made in various parts of the world. This is an integral part of the ministry of Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals. We do not know, and may never meet, nearly all the people writing into us from various parts of the world – but we can pray for them. Prayer has the ability to make a passive Christian suffering with schizophrenia into a strong, prayerful Christian who goes on to claim his or her own deliverance. Prayer can also restrain the enemy forces pressing in on a Christian who is at wits end corner and needs the power of God to hold them steady during the crunch time of battle.

I have to thank the Christians who prayed for me prior to deliverance and healing. I believe that the decision made one day at work to be militant and disciplined in seeking God until He broke the schizophrenic power in my life was all through the prayers of friends lifting me up to the throne of Grace. Light shone into my spirit that day and made it possible to follow through my resolve to want to be free. But I only got there because God was answering the prayers of those who carried me on their hearts. It only takes the constant prayers of a group of faithful prayer warriors to provide the volume of prayer enough to see such a mighty move!!

It is sometimes difficult to keep abreast of the many emails that come in to our Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals ministry seeking help and encouragement. If we have failed to answer your cry for help, please forgive us. The need of this harvest is so great and the labourers so few. Comprehensive prayer for many people has to fit the occasion often because it is virtually impossible to carry on our hearts everyone intimately needing help. But God knows those who write in, and we ask Him to make us faithful in bringing these dear ones in need to His throne of Grace.

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!!**

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**FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:**

**2012:** 22 APRIL – It's Real Hope Jesus Gives In Defeating Schizophrenia

**2011:** 20 NOVEMBER – Praising God Is A Mighty Weapon In Driving Out Schizophrenia

**2010:** 23 & 30 MAY - Knowing God's Grace Enables You to Battle Through To Freedom in Jesus

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*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.*

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**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"

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*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.*

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## **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

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

(Jesus said): "I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me..." John 14:30-31

(Jesus said): "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." John 14:15-19

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5: 3-5

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You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and

help to overcome this “monster” of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-tried and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website [www.schizophreniadefeated.com](http://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*