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

KEEP ON EXERCISING FAITH WHEN YOU DO NOT FEEL THE PRESENCE OF GOD

SEEKING AND DWELLING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD INCREASES IN DESIRE AFTER FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS EXODUS CHAPTER 33: Key Verses 12-23: Moses and the Glory of the LORD:

Moses said to the LORD: "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me. If you are pleased with me, teach me your way so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'" The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your



Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back, but my face must not be seen."

The spiritual bondage of schizophrenia in the life of a born-again Christian constantly thwarts the enjoyment of the presence of God.

Since the dawning of the psychotic disturbance, you will have been aware of an interference affecting the quality of your communion with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I speak from experience and can accurately detail the dilemma. Because "another presence", namely a demonic one, has surfaced in your life, your whole fellowship with God is now being challenged.

Before the evil spirit "appeared", you were enjoying the wonderful freedom bought by Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, on the cross for you. Now, that same quality of fellowship feels permanently lost at times as "another presence" hinders your enjoyment.

The urgent issue on hand now is to defeat this uninvited opposing presence by challenging its legal right in your life and taking steps to drive it permanently from you.

Until it is exorcised, the precious full enjoyment of the presence of God and the total spiritual freedom of your entire life, will not be complete.

Because you love God, you must have His Presence. His Presence “makes your paradise and where you are ‘tis heaven.” You cannot live without His Presence. It is more than life itself.

Some of you reading this Encourager can identify with a sense of having been robbed of the enjoyment of the Presence of God. You know your life has changed and you are not the same person you were before schizophrenia dawned.

How are you to continue living when you neither sense the Presence of God or the joy of His Presence? Drugged up to the eyeballs with medication, steered into a cul-de-sac of passivity, you long for the enjoyment of the Presence of God to deliver you from what seems a mere existence!

It may bring you little comfort but all you can do during the times you don't feel the presence of God is to hang on to Christ in faith. He is holding on to you more than you realise. I have been at the place many times of feeling no emotion - and instead battling with a heaviness in my head. To persevere and quietly lean solely on the Lord in faith and prayer – in however a feeble way you do it – is all you can do, but do it you must.

Medication may stabilise and calm you, but it absolutely kills your mind and affects your spiritual life. It minimises the enjoyment of the Presence of God. If you were a Christian walking with Christ before schizophrenia dawned, you may have faced the question of whether you live by “faith or by feelings.”

Feelings, remember, are located in the emotions whereas faith involves an act of the will and the whole weight of your personality. It was during my time inside the “schizophrenic prison” that God began to teach me the truth of being properly related to him. I missed feeling His Presence. But Christ was still my Saviour no matter what I felt like – and that was fact. Bowed down with medication, shut up in a mental hospital, unable to be granted week-end leave and all alone, this was not sufficient to destroy what I knew was true about Jesus no matter what kind of feelings were present.

Coming to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour introduced you to the Divine Presence of God. Your whole life changed when such a life-changing encounter of the power and Presence of God became real for you. You realised Jesus Christ died on the cross for you and rose from the dead. How dare any demonic spirit seek to rob you of life's most precious enjoyment and mess with the sanctity of your God-created life?

Your whole being must engage in spiritual warfare and regain spiritual freedom and the presence of God, and drive out the intruder. Notice, in the gospels, this is what is recorded of the action Jesus took in people's lives – he drove out demonic intruders. They were around in his day, and they are still around today (even though parts of the church do not want to talk about them!)

If your experience of the “dawning of schizophrenia” was anything like mine, in a given moment your whole mind was “taken over” and everything hitherto enjoyed went out of sight. (The only thing uppermost in my mind was a strange feeling, or presence in my head, which brought wrong thinking and disrupted the entire course of life.)

For those born-again Christians reading this who are going through a similar experience, you will need a life-line to hold onto in your confusion. The entrance of God's words in your heart will shed light on your pathway. Turn to it and feed on God through His word.

You may not feel the Presence of God like before, but you have to continue fighting and addressing this strange foe with a personality of its own which has descended on your life

uninvited. Like someone who walks into your lounge, you can't ignore them. This presence – aptly referred to by an author as “pigs in the parlour” – has got to be shown the door.

Yes, that is what schizophrenia is. It is another presence, a demonic one, living in your life with intentions of taking you over the limit. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DEFEATED THE DARK PRESENCE AND HE IS ALWAYS OFFERING HIMSELF TO YOU TO STRENGTHEN YOU TO FIGHT ON AND WIN THROUGH.

FINAL WORDS: A quote from Watchman Nee: “We should inquire once again as to what the life of faith is. It is one lived by believing God under any circumstance: “If he slay me,” says Job, “yet would I trust in Him” (13:15 Darby translation). That is faith. Because I once believed, loved and trusted God I shall believe, love and trust Him wherever He may put me and however my heart and body may suffer.” *The Spiritual Man page 245*

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

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

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

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

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 Archive Files

2020 11 October - Meeting God Early Will Keep Advancing Your Fight To Become Free

2019 19 May - Know Your Authority In The Lord Jesus Christ Before Expelling The Demon Of Schizophrenia

2018 5 August - Jesus Christ said; "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

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 26 SEPTEMBER

HOW FASTING ADDED TO PRAYER AIDS THE BREAKTHROUGH TO FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 9 Key Verses:14-17

Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. No-one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Fasting can intensify your power to prevail in prayer. Many Christians who do not suffer with schizophrenia may never or seldom carry out this act of blessing and deepening their regular prayer life. So what hope is there of a believer in Jesus with the deepest psychotic disorder of all moving forward in this spiritual discipline? Every hope! - though it may be a long time in coming before reaching the place of desperation in God in your daily fight to become free through allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you about prayer and praying through you.

As more light and revelation is received from the Holy Spirit leading you into all truth, more power is given to challenge the darkness of the demonic condition of schizophrenia. This is in spite of prayer being an uphill battle in your struggle to reach the freedom in Jesus. You have a spiritual fight on maintaining your sanity.

Even though you may be unable to fast at the moment that is not to say that it will be always out of your reach. In response to moving into a living, active and conscious faith in Jesus, you are already qualified to ask, seek and knock at Heaven's door. If ever fasting was added to your prayer life, it would release a power supply of God's spirit your way which would accelerate your freedom out of schizophrenia.

Notice, there is a School of Prayer. Ruth Graham, the wife of world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham used to say: "There is no way to learn to pray but to pray." How true! There IS no way of advancing in the School of Prayer but by praying. The more you move into God's presence and meet with Him, the more you grow in the ways of prayer. It's a lifetime pursuit!

Wesley L. Duwel says in his book "Mighty Prevailing Prayer": "Fasting can intensify your power to prevail in prayer. For those occasions when Satan is long-entrenched and needs to be driven back and expelled, fasting added to prevailing prayer may be imperative. For those battles where Satan has resisted thus far much militant intercession, add fasting to your prayer. If possible, add collective fasting and prayer". page 187.

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.

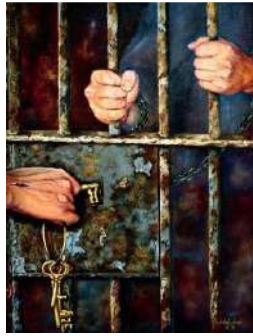
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will 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.

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, (Christ) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:15

(Jesus said) For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour and moment what (you) ought to say. Luke 12:12 (The Amplified Bible)

For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies – the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness

who rule this world, and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. Ephesians 6:12 (The Living Bible)

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this “monster” of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-tried and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, he paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as “The Resurrection and the Life”. He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting his sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite him into your life right now? It’s a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!



"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals