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

IN SEARCH OF SANITY by Peter Laue

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING:

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.



O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Introduction



We are at war. We cannot see the real enemy. We cannot find him in a test tube or under a microscope. A brain scan does not reveal him; DNA has not identified a schizophrenic gene. Nevertheless our hospitals, mental institutions, streets, prisons, and divorce courts leave no doubt that the enemy is real and stalking us day and night. Whether he is in us or all around us or both has been the subject of much debate and controversy. Whether the disease is environmental or hereditary is another topic that puts professionals into opposing camps. But we can all agree that we are wrestling with an invisible enemy that uses

strategies of war that are hideous and aimed at driving us insane.

We have been taught to wear a facade of wellness while our thoughts and emotions are running riot on the inside. Instead of sleeping at night, we toss and turn while reckless, irrelevant, and hideous thoughts race across the landscape of our mind. We try to corral and subdue them, often using drugs to do so. But sooner or later we are so exhausted, so angry, so fearful, so confused that these "monstrous" thoughts and emotions" often have their way. Suicide or murder is the ultimate intention of the invisible enemy. Some who receive the benefit of medical or psychiatric care will be diagnosed as having had a nervous breakdown, a tame word for schizophrenia and other forms of mental illness. Schizophrenia does not only afflict individuals, it can and does affect whole nations. War or ethnic cleansing is the brutal result of that invisible enemy no one can see. History books are full of the names of political leaders and tyrants who took thousands to an early and cruel grave. May the holocaust never be ignored, forgotten, or whitewashed.

I have fought such an enemy and so have many others. Many have not been victorious. A young brilliant man, who visited us a few years ago, hung himself in a state mental hospital. Others have attempted to kill brilliant political leaders or other high profile individuals believing they were instructed by God to do so. Many others have lived out their lives in a stupor, heavily medicated by antipsychotic drugs.

Recently I received 50 empty prescription bottles. I am not a doctor or a pharmacist. I cannot readily tell you the specific purpose for each prescription or how much each one costs. I do know that some of the empty bottles contained anti-depressants, muscle relaxers, tranquilizers, pain relievers, and sleeping pills.

I had asked a few friends who regularly take medication to send me their empty prescription bottles. They have, and I am currently overstocked. I recycle them and use them in my heavenly pharmacy. I remove the labels, wash the bottles, affix new labels and fill the bottles with **m & m's**. The labels read:

Rx: Prescription for Healing

m & m's: mercy & miracles

Take as often as needed.

For unlimited refills, see Dr. Jesus.

Each package of empty prescription bottles reminds me of my own quest for wellness and sanity. It breaks my heart to see all those prescription bottles coming from the same addresses again and again. There is a big controversy about the best way to help the mentally ill. One of these deals with the use of medication. After reading "Toxic Psychiatry" by Peter R. Breggin, MD, I realized it was not just a controversy, it was more like a war.

When employed as an industrial engineer, my boss rebuked me for being critical of certain methods used in the factory, which I thought to be inefficient. He said, "Peter, unless you have a better idea, I don't want you to criticize the way things are being done." Those words have stayed with me for the past 40 years. Please read on; I do believe I have a better idea.

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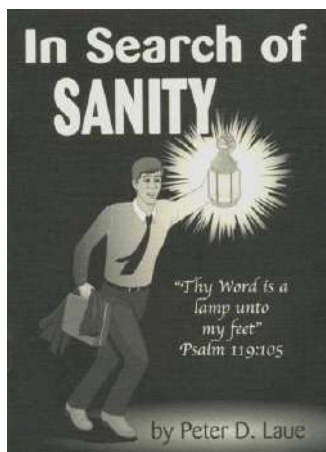
In Search of Sanity

Beloved, if you have ever cared for someone who has schizophrenia, is manic-depressive—also called bipolar—or struggles with severe depression, your nursing skills have probably been challenged. Caring for the mentally ill can be a taxing, yet a rewarding, experience. It often challenges the sanity and patience of the caregiver. Many have learned that the care and treatment of those who live in the twilight zone of reality can be costly, lengthy, and even hazardous, but it can also be rewarding. Just one person made whole is our greatest reward. Our hospitals, prisons, and streets are full of unsolved problems, hidden saints, and lost sheep.

A consistent diagnosis for the mentally ill is still elusive and can vary amongst even the most highly trained professionals. There seems to be more disagreement than agreement about the causes and cures. Some advocate that there is a chemical imbalance in the brain, while others search for answers in a dysfunctional past. Our own past, our unique personality, our own value systems and beliefs are bound to color the way we see and appraise the mental health of another individual. It takes more than a doctor to diagnose and treat the mentally ill; it takes a doctor who is a saint.

What is considered as acceptable behavior in one culture or one era is often looked upon as deviant behavior in another. The world has always had a floating standard of healthy and unhealthy, right and wrong, normal and abnormal. What is viewed as a vision by one person may be diagnosed as a chemical imbalance by someone else. One person may hear voices and interpret them as the voice of God, the next person as the voice of Satan, the third person as “too much pizza,” etc. and etc.

How we interpret and respond to what we experience in our inner world of dreams, visions, and voices is just as important as the experience itself. Most of us keep our private thoughts very private. Some may talk to a best friend, a counselor, or priest. Others may ignore the voices as so much uninvited, senseless, and intrusive chatter. A few may take all their guidance from the voices within. Some have been known to jump off bridges or commit murder on the basis of this inner guidance. Others, like King David, have killed giants. Where do those voices come from? Are they all good or all bad? How are we to respond, if at all?



I recall a young man who had continuous conversations with spirits that toyed with his mind. He both heard them and saw them. Sometimes he spoke to them out loud and laughed at their entertaining antics. They were his friends. When I asked him if he ever told them to go away, he said, “Oh no, I am afraid they would get mad and play tricks on me.” No counsel or medication could reach him. He never found an audience for his “messianic visions.” His angry heart and angry methods stopped him at every turn. He committed suicide in a state institution before the age of thirty. My heart still bleeds for him, his family, and others like him. I ask the question, “What else could I have done and what am I to learn from this tragedy?”

Satan, the Father of all Lies and great deceiver, has many clever ways of gaining our attention and loyalty. For example, he has convinced some that reincarnation is an indisputable fact—multiple rebirths in a variety of different bodies. A woman may see herself as Mary, the mother of Jesus. Or she may see herself as Mary Magdalene, the woman out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. In her current incarnation she may see herself attempting to atone for her past sins. We know someone who believes she was a harlot in a former life. In order to atone for her past sins, she never married. Our mental hospitals are full of patients who believe themselves to be the reincarnated saints and heroes of the past. Many believe themselves to be Jesus Christ. Jesus warned us that this would happen (Luke 21:8).

Many people are very insecure and compensate for their insecurities by seeing themselves as a well-known historical personality. The writer struggled in this arena for many years. Instead of being content with his role of “delivery boy,” he saw himself as a modern-day deliverer. Once we are trapped by such delusions, the grace of God is required to extricate us from them. We can be like, or aspire to be like a person of great renown, but we dare not think ourselves to be that person. If we do, we have crossed over into the world of insanity. This truth reached me during an unguarded moment and set me free. May these words accomplish the same for someone else.

I am very disappointed, saddened, and at times angry because of the position some mental health professionals have taken regarding visions and voices. Far too many treat these experiences as auditory or visual hallucinations. Consequently, they make a blanket indictment as to their validity and discredit all spiritual or supernatural experiences and attempt to drown out these experiences with medication. As a direct result of such a hostile perception of spiritual realities, I—like many others—did not divulge my inner world to anyone. This is unfortunate because we are thereby denied many opportunities to help one another sort through our spiritual nightmares or to rejoice with others about their heavenly visitations. But I finally decided to go public with my inner conflicts and search for sanity. It may be the best and only way I can help others and myself.

I recommend the Bible to mental health professionals as a current and most useful mental health textbook. Do not take it away from your patients or belittle its value. Make it easily available to those who are searching for answers and reality. Every hero of the faith saw visions and heard voices. They saw and heard things that were often so overwhelming that they fainted away as if dead, only to hear the words, "Fear not." (Revelation 1:17). These heroes had to dodge a lot of insults and abuse to stake their claim in the halls of faith. I wonder how many of these heroes would be wearing the label of schizophrenia on their lapel today? We all know that the Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus by saying He had a demon and later crucified the Son of God. We are likely to do the same in the 21st century, but in different disguises, carefully sanitized and removed from public display. At this point I will quote words spoken by the apostle Peter to add credibility to my words:

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven apostles, and shouted to the crowd, "Listen, all of you, visitors and residents of Jerusalem alike! Some of you are saying these men are drunk! It isn't true! It's much too early for that! People don't get drunk by 9 A.M! No! What you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Holy Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men dream dreams. Yes, the Holy Spirit shall come upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they shall prophesy.'" (Acts 2:14–18, The Living Bible).

Fighting for my sanity was a life-and-death struggle. It was a struggle that lasted many years. I saw things and thought things that caused my mind to resemble a courtroom in continuous session. Sometimes I was the accused, sometimes the accuser. At other times I was the judge or jury. My thought process was compelling, relentless, emotionally charged, exhausting, and totally unproductive. For a brief period I was on medication. It did not solve my problems, but it may have kept me from doing something stupid. For this I am very grateful. Much like an aspirin, it provided temporary relief for a bad headache. But it was the Word of God and the grace of God that eventually created order out of chaos. Only as I believed the Word and obeyed it, was peace and order restored to my mind.

The significant turning point came when I became convinced that God was not the author of my accusing, confusing, grandiose, and tormenting thoughts and emotions. When I began to police them and adopted a militant posture, I began to heal. Healing came gradually. I learned to identify my enemies more and more quickly and developed a variety of strategies in dealing with them. I cut them off at the pass, so to speak, and did not allow them to gain an inch of ground. After an exhausting battle, I soothed my emotions by playing music like King David might have played.

I discovered that the only way I could be an alert and effective soldier was to do away with all tranquilizers and mind and mood-altering drugs. This strategy is certainly not new, but it was new for me. I never wavered in my decision to throw out all medication that had been prescribed. Mind and mood-altering drugs, both legal and illegal ones, are like chemical bullets that can misfire and cause debilitating side effects. Even innocent-looking sleeping pills can cause havoc. Violent and unpredictable behavior has been traced to the sleeping medication Halcyon. Our personalities can be altered and sabotaged without our knowledge or permission. Enslaved by drugs, we can experience a false sense of security and wellbeing and turn into wimps instead of warriors.



I did not hide in bed, reach for a sleeping pill, cigarette, alcoholic beverage or run to the television when wrestling with raging and ungodly thoughts. I got out of bed in the middle of the night and got dressed. I walked; I marched and I prayed my heart out in a secluded meadow. With all my heart and might I called upon the name of Jesus. Today, many years and many battles later, my life is filled with joy, peace and gratitude. Yet, I am reminded daily to never let my guard down. Adversity continues to be my taskmaster and teacher.

At the time I was hospitalized in 1970 courts could not mandate that mental patients had to submit to drug therapy in or out of institutions. Unfortunately that has gradually changed over the years. Had that ruling not been in place when I was hospitalized, I would be a compliant patient today, instead of a crusader for the mentally disadvantaged. I realize that these are strong words. Do not accept them or offer them to others unless the Holy Spirit explicitly prompts you to do so. They are not intended to make anyone feel guilty or condemn them for taking drugs, but to serve as a challenge and door to permanent freedom.

On numerous occasions I asked Jesus why this battle for my sanity was so lengthy and difficult. He always replied with these same words:

"These battles build character, insight, compassion, perseverance and many other qualities that a courageous soldier and a compassionate physician needs. Peter, you would not have a story to tell if you did not have to battle for your sanity. Because you have been in this lengthy conflict with hell, your uncrucified ego, and the lust of your own flesh, I can trust you with keys and weapons of warfare that you can use and also pass on to others. "

I will quote from one of my favorite authors, Frances J. Roberts, to underscore what I have written. In her book, "Come Away My Beloved," she writes on page 93:

"You cannot risk giving your thoughts free rein. They will never choose the right path until you bridle them and control them by your own disciplined will. You are master of your own house. You do not have to invite into your mind the foul birds of evil thoughts and allow them to nest there and bring forth their young.

Whatsoever ye sow in your secret thought-life, that shall ye reap. Sow love and kindness, and ye shall be rewarded openly. Sow charity and forgiveness, and ye shall reap in kind. Sow generosity and gratitude, and ye shall reap in kind. Sow generosity, and ye shall never feel poor. Sow hope, and ye shall reap fulfillment. Sow praise, and ye shall reap joy and well-being and a strong faith. Sow bountifully, and ye shall reap bountifully. Sow! ye shall see your seed and be satisfied."

I am willing to expose my own captivity, my own season of delusional thinking, to be able to convince others that there is a way out. The Book of Daniel, Chapter 4, tells my story and maybe yours also. I can easily place the name of Peter D. Laue alongside the name of King Nebuchadnezzar. The last verse of Chapter 4 could have just as easily read:

"Now, I, Peter D. Laue, praise and glorify and honor the King of Heaven, the Judge of all, whose every act is right and good; for He is able to take those who walk proudly and push them into the dust!" The story of King Nebuchadnezzar is to remind and warn us that God's penalty for pride may be and often is insanity. We must not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to (Romans 12:3).

You do not have to be a ward of the state for the rest of your life. You do not have to be a prisoner of drugs for the rest of your life. You do not have to make endless trips to a counselor or psychiatrist for the rest of your life. Your mind does not have to resemble a courtroom or smell like a garbage can full of delinquent and unfruitful thoughts, visions, and voices. But you do have to adopt the posture of a warrior. You do have to police your thoughts and emotions, and how you express them.

Our heavenly Father does not give His children a spirit of fear, torment, or confusion. He gives His children love, forgiveness, power, and a sound mind. Systematically sort through your thoughts, visions, and voices and consistently refuse those that are contrary to God's nature as revealed through the life and words of Jesus Christ. It helps to write down your visions and special dreams and carefully review them from time to time. Do not jump to conclusions as to their meaning. Ask God to help you interpret them. Share them with a trusted friend. Offer to help others sort through their unresolved spiritual experiences and dreams. Listen kindly. If you do not have an answer, say so. Be slow to give advice. A close friend can be of much help by offering his listening heart.

Twenty-five years ago my mind mirrored the word picture taken from the movie "The Ten Commandments" produced by Cecil B. DeMille. When Moses was cast out of Egypt for refusing to bend his knee to Pharaoh, this monologue shadowed his trek through the desert. Moses survived. I have survived and so can you. Allow me to be your cheerleader. Give the gift of victory as your legacy to future generations.

"Into the blistering wilderness of Shur, the man who walked with kings now walks alone: torn from the pinnacle of royal power, stripped of all rank and earthly wealth, a forsaken man without a country, without a hope, his soul in turmoil. Like the hot winds and raging sands that lash him with the fury of a taskmaster's whip, he is driven forward, always forward, by a God unknown or a land unseen; into the molten wilderness of Zin, where granite sentinels stand as towers of living death to bar his way.

"Each night brings the black embrace of loneliness. In the mocking whisper of the wind he hears the echoing voices of the dark, his tortured mind wondering if they recall the memory of past triumphs or wail foreboding of disaster yet to come. Or whether the desert's hot breath has melted his reason into madness. He cannot cool the burning kiss of thirst upon his lips, nor shade the scorching fury of the sun. All about is desolation. He can neither bless nor curse the power that moves him, for he does not know from where it comes. Learning that it can be more terrible to live than to die, he is driven onward through the burning crucible of desert, where holy men and prophets are cleansed and purged for God's great purpose. Until at last, at the end of human strength, beaten into the dust from which he came, the metal is ready for the Maker's Hand."

One mental health professional concluded his evaluation of this writer for the benefit of the courts and insurance companies as follows:

"It is my professional opinion that his psychotic processes are still dormant and will be waiting for expression for the rest of his life. Thanks to his preoccupation with fundamental Christianity, his most recent letters to me show a total covering up of this schizophrenic process. I doubt, however, that Mr. Laue could ever assume a job in the traditional employer-employee model. I believe that such stress would be the catalyst for a resurgence of his schizophrenia. Everything should be done to encourage him to remain phobically centered on his Christian endeavors."

I will conclude with this prayer, "Lord, may all who battle for their sanity, who have had a foretaste of hell on earth, have a preoccupation with fundamental Christianity." This preoccupation with fundamental Christianity was the key to my healing and I hereby hand the key to as many as will accept it. To know our God and the purpose for which He has created us is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

World, do not compel anyone to subscribe to your shifting definition of normal! God can never bless such a mindset. Please remember that many of us cannot bloom where we are planted. Please treat us with love and respect and allow us the freedom to be different. Without apology I have adopted this prayer:

"Lord, let my life be Your glorious contradiction to the world's definition of normal."

I will close with a poem written by one of those “different” people. Her name is Debi.

THE PAINT BRUSH

I keep my **Paint Brush** with me, wherever I may go,
in case I need to cover up,
so the **Real Me** doesn't show.
I'm so afraid to show you **Me**; afraid of what you'll do;
you might laugh, or say mean things;
I'm afraid I might **Lose** you.
I'd like to remove all my **Paintcoats**,
to show you the real, true **Me**.
But I want you to try and understand;
I need you to **Like** what you see.
So, if you'll be patient and close your eyes,
I'll strip off my coats real slow;
Please understand how much it hurts,
to let the **Real Me** show.
Now my coats are all stripped off. I feel naked, bare and cold.
If you still love me, with all that you see,
you are my friend, pure as gold.
I need to save my **Paint Brush**, though, and hold it in my hand;
I want to keep it handy, in case somebody don't understand.
So please protect me, my dear friend,
and **thanks** for loving me **True**;
But, please let me **Keep My Paint Brush** with me,
Until **I** Love **Me** Too!

CONCLUSION

It takes **courage** to let the “**Real Me**” show and **wisdom** to know when not to. Jesus—or Yeshua, if you know the Lord Jesus by that name—is the author of both. I speak and write these words not only to you, but also as a reminder to myself. As I do, they become more and more a part of who I am. The best way I can be a blessing to you is to let the “**Real Me**” show. I challenge you to do likewise. It's an essential step towards sanity. To be a blessing to those near and dear to us, we must be so well and so real, that we are contagious in a good way. It's **never** too early or too late to become real. Be prepared for a battle if you accept the challenge!

“God creates originals. Satan can only make carbon copies. Am I an original or am I a carbon copy?” I must know.

Serving Jesus as:

- Spokesman for those who are “different”
- Stretcher Bearer
- Crusader
- Cheerleader

- Delivery boy

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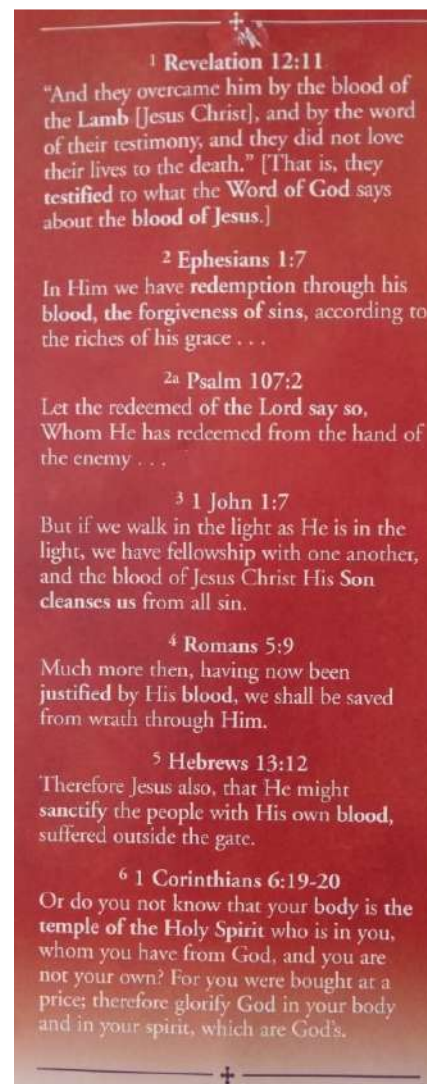
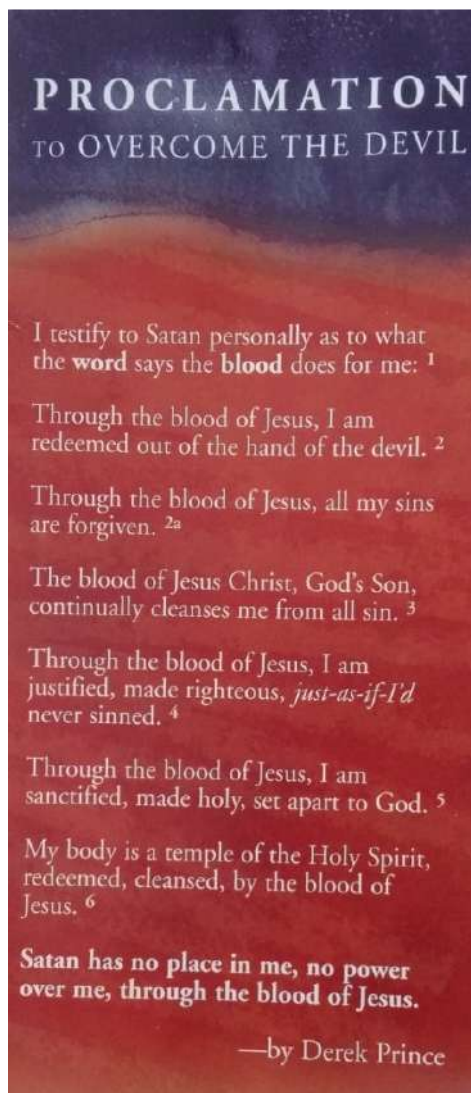
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NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT THE DECK OF CARDS YOU HAVE BEEN DEALT; BUT PLAY IT AS WELL AS YOU CAN WITH THE HELP OF GOD. WHO DO YOU THINK SHUFFLED THE DECK?

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 5 April – Jesus Christ Has Secured Eternal Life For Everyone And Has Defeated Schizophrenia

2019 24 March – Use the Power Of The Supernatural Weapon Of Prayer With The Authority Of A Faith That Commands As Well As Asks

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 28 MARCH 2021:

**AS EASTER APPROACHES WE PROCLAIM TO THE WORLD –
“JESUS CHRIST DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, SECURING SINS
FORGIVEN AND ETERNAL LIFE FOR EVERYONE AND DEFEATING
SCHIZOPHRENIA”.**

**Jesus Christ says: “So If The Son Sets You Free, You Will Be Free Indeed.”
John 8: verse 36**

THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 6: Selected verses 41-49: *Jesus the Bread of Life At this the Jews began to grumble about him because, he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’”*

“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. “No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No-one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you can eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Never expect an announcement to come over the media that the medical experts have found an answer to defeat schizophrenia! It will never happen - because only Jesus Christ has the solution. A Christian friend has told me that on our popular TODAY radio programme in the U.K., representatives of psychiatry admitted they were baffled over the cause of the psychotic illness and were unable to offer a cure.

But here is the good news which only followers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can declare - Jesus has triumphed over schizophrenia and opens up deliverance and healing for everyone struggling to end what they experience as a deep, entrenched mental bondage.

The medical field the world over would do well to acknowledge their impotence to set free millions of mental captives with schizophrenia - and discover faith to point to Jesus Christ, Saviour and Healer, as the means whereby life can be restored to those crying out for release.

We are now in the Christian season of LENT celebrating the victory over death and hell obtained for everyone by the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world who died on a cruel cross outside Jerusalem more than 2000 years ago. He laid down his life for you and me, bore our sins “in his body on the tree”, then three days later showed “himself alive by many infallible proofs”, offering the gift of eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

There is no greater news our troubled world needs to hear today! Receiving Jesus Christ into one's life has power to transform every person on our planet, even whole nations, and to dispel the spiritual darkness in human life rampant the world over. How fitting that the prophet Isaiah announcing the good news of the birth of Jesus 700 years before it happened, spoke of "people walking in darkness seeing a great light" – none other than Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Each one of us needs to know Jesus personally as Saviour and Lord to be able to live "in the light of his life". When He becomes real to you through an act of faith, it is His love and light that invades your life and brings total transformation. You make the greatest discovery in the whole of life itself – finding God who is both your Creator and Redeemer.

Because our world contains forces of spiritual darkness under the rule of Satan, described by Jesus as the "prince of this world" (John 14:30), you receive as a follower of Jesus His own presence through the Person of the Holy Spirit to overcome temptation, conflict and all that life can throw at you.

But what action do you adopt when having dispelled the darkness through receiving forgiveness of sins by Jesus, you then face "the dawning" of the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia? In a word, you can only keep turning to Jesus to deal with this strange invasion into your life. Through knowing Jesus and having His own life within, you are better able to deal with this confused existence present in your mind.

A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light and power of your conquering Holy Spirit's presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



AFTER DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord." *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:5).

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31).

(Jesus said): "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:9-12).

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