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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia, from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 25TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND 26 YEARS OFF ALL MEDICATION - thanks to Jesus.

“LORD, GIVE US MORE PSYCHIATRISTS WHO LOVE YOU AND HAVE YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE”

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5: Key Verses 11-21

The Ministry of Reconciliation: Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no-one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

If I were to open up with a broadside which asserts that the Christian church is more equipped than the psychiatric world to deal with helping Christian schizophrenics into freedom, I wonder how many reading such a statement would concur?

While such a statement is definitely true, it must be admitted that the place of safety and help where schizophrenics run to in moments of crisis is not the church but the Health Service's psychiatric section.

Many psychiatrists faithfully follow out their training received in helping mentally ill patients and deserve the accolades for offering their best help – but how much better equipped they would be having wisdom and insight resulting from an experience of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Because believers in Jesus Christ are filled with the unique resources of the love of God, they possess the full panoply of help to offer to any person struggling to keep their sanity as well as lead them out to freedom.

Many who believe in Christ have yet to find greater faith in Him and live in the knowledge and experience of the love of Jesus where He is sufficient to meet any desperate need in the mental

realm. Parents of a Christian son or daughter crying out to the Lord for a breakthrough must not stop petitioning for help until faith is rewarded with answers.

I am not raising a personal complaint concerning how long I was in a schizophrenia prison before Jesus blasted the demonic bondage apart – but there is no reason to wait for deliverance and healing because Jesus has been raised from the dead and has released His power to perform victory over a bondage which is Satanic.

LET US NOTE SOME MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PSYCHIATRIC WAY OF WORKING AND WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST'S WAY OF WORKING TO OVERCOME SCHIZOPHRENIA:

1. BECAUSE SCHIZOPHRENIA IS BASICALLY A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM, IT REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ANSWER, NAMELY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. The psychiatrist must remember when he is treating a person with obvious mental problems that he has a spirit. He exists as body, soul and spirit yearning to know the God and Father of our Lord Jesus who made him as he battles mental onslaught. The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord and is that part of us “switched on” to Jesus. When he gets to prescribing medication, the psychiatrist needs to take into account the unique spirit of God in man who is meant to live and reign in lives. The side effects of medication are all too often not taken into account but how they present countless problems is well-known.

2. UNTIL THE PSYCHIATRIST IS ABLE TO SEE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE ROOT CAUSE OF REJECTION OF SCHIZOPHRENIA COMING FROM SATAN, HE WILL NEITHER WORK TO SEE A PERSON SET FREE NOR WILL HE KNOW HOW A PERSON IS FREED. I was greatly helped by what the Holy Spirit told me about the schizophrenia attack on my life. The periodic advice I received from a psychiatrist was totally inadequate to help me in getting on with my life. He did not have a clue as to what I was facing and the struggles building up. But Jesus told me things I needed to know about persevering in faith at all times. **“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.” Romans 8:26-27.**

Whenever I have heard psychiatrists speak in radio interviews or through their writings, it is possible to detect how “short” they are in the tools of their trade required to help schizophrenics. But of course it is well known that they do not have a goal of being able to bring healing and deliverance to a sufferer with schizophrenia, whereas a Christian intercessor/worker knows the triumph of the conquering love of Jesus Christ who is well able to bring about lasting freedom. He is not satisfied until he sees a person suffering with schizophrenia completely delivered and healed and walking in a restored life through the mighty power of God. There is no other result!!

FINAL NOTE: The most important truth a person with schizophrenia needs to know is that God loves them with an infinite love. After all He created us and also redeemed us. When the monster, demonic intrusion bursts upon a person’s mind it is the birth of a madness that is very hard to handle and life is tossed on a tempestuous sea. Only faith’s anchor in the sustaining, unchangeable love of God can hold you at such a time! It is the spirit of the heart that wins the day while the mind is thrown into a thousand directions. Would to God that everyone who suffers such an unwelcome experience already has their feet firmly planted in the foundation of God’s love at the time of their assault, but sadly we know this is far from the case.

Schizophrenics need to be ministered the love of God more than anything else at such a time, though there are occasions when they do not know how to receive the offer of that love and delusions can confuse what is a very sincere offer of help. But the knowledge that nothing is impossible with God causes Christian workers filled with the compassion of Jesus to go on loving such dear ones confident that the love of God can win the day and deliver, heal and restore.

MAY SUCH A MAGNIFICENT, BOUNTIFUL LOVE FLOW FROM THE HEARTS OF CHRISTIANS IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE – AND MAY THE FINE BODY OF PSYCHIATRISTS COMMITTED TO HELPING ALSO DISCOVER THE

WONDERFUL LOVE COMING FROM THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD CHANGING THEIR LIVES AND FLOWING OUT FROM THEM TO RECLAIM MANY BROKEN LIVES. WHEN CHRIST'S LOVE IS HERE AND ALL AROUND US, HEALING FLOWS, DEMONS FLEE AND PEOPLE DISCOVER THE REAL PEOPLE THEY ARE MEANT TO BE!!

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2013 16 June - Trusting In Jesus With All Your Heart Will Keep Your Sanity and Win Freedom

2012 28 October - When Enough People Pray Enough Time Your Deliverance From Schizophrenia is Near

2011 6 February - Let The Power Of The Cross Grip You As You Read The Bible

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"

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my

Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me. Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION 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 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.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:11-13)

I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. (Isaiah 45:2-3)

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:10-11)

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER:

6 July: Unmasking The “New” But Inadequate Treatment Of Dealing With Voices Heard By Schizophrenics

You maybe 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