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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW STARTING HIS 30TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

# DEFEAT THE DEMON OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BY BECOMING POWERFUL IN PREVAILING PRAYER

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL CHAPTER SEVEN Key verses 7-11: Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"



A well-known Ugandan pastor commenting on verse seven above, said: "Many Christians only know how to ask – they have not graduated into the realm of seeking and knocking." It is of great profit to every Christian schizophrenic to consider the three important aspects of this command given by Jesus as tremendous steps in obtaining the power of the Holy Spirit in becoming free. Here we have the Saviour, who is the only One able to set you free, giving key instructions on just how to obtain your freedom.

The defeat of the demon of schizophrenia normally involves a good amount of prayer from yourself or from another Christian with whom you are co-operating. You will need to ask, and you will need to seek, and you will need to keep on knocking with the same request for the presence of the Holy Spirit in power in your life ....until in the Name of Jesus you are able to evict demonic forces holding your mind in bondage. Prayer will need to be maintained after deliverance and healing have taken place as you begin reorientation back into your restored life.

As St Paul advocates you will need to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6 verse 18). While prayer itself is the simplest form of speech - to mount such a prayer battle that it wins the day in defeating the biggest mental bondage of all, your heart will have to be continually fired up to ask, to seek, and to knock. All this you will be willing to do because you believe in a God who is faithful to his promises and will respond to every cry you make to his throne of Grace "for power to win the day."

Because you have faith to believe every day that God cannot deny you what you are praying – and remember what He has promised He is able to perform – there is a constant resolve in your heart that no matter what it takes in the realm of asking, seeking and knocking you will experience the answer to your prayers. That answer is assured, believe it is already on the way to you as you begin praying. Don't let it be said that you gave up mid-way when the God who promised His answer was fully expecting you to continue storming heaven with faith requests.

Have you ever considered that because schizophrenia normally starts in late teens or early adulthood, many have only been Christians for a short time before facing the onslaught of the bondage, and have not had time to develop a growing intimacy with Jesus, and a strong prayer-life. There is a real advantage if you are already a born-again Christian who knows how to pray by

the time schizophrenia "appears". To face it as an unbeliever is to be pitched into a mental maze of confusion and helplessness. It's no picnic to survive for a born-again Christian hit by schizophrenia, but for someone who is a stranger to God and his workings, he/she will find it much harder to cope. That's why we commend receiving Jesus as Saviour and Lord and his living presence into your life (see John's Gospel 14. verses 15-21).

**ASKING:** Intercession and prevailing prayer begin with asking. Every prayer you utter God always hears. It can be a loud cry coming from the depths of your heart or it can be a soft whisper, but He always hears. Jesus commanded us to ask and assured us our asking would be answered. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 21:22 As you are engaged in praying for your freedom from Jesus, why not hold this promise before him and quote it. To speak like this is permissible: "Lord Jesus, you have promised to both hear and answer when I pray. I believe in your power to set me free from schizophrenia. I ask for your power to enable me to drive out the demonic force troubling my life. I have faith to believe that I can take authority in your name over any evil powers in my life that are holding me in bondage, and as I command them to leave they will be driven out by your power in me." Keep faith paramount and never lose sight of it. GOD WILL GRANT IT. Hallelujah!

**SEEKING:** Seeking is a more concentrated form of prayer than asking and implies greater seriousness, continued perseverance, and often deeper hunger and desire. It is prayer that is in for the long haul, willing to hold on in intercession until the answer comes. Seeking always involves a sacrifice in going to God but believes the kind of promise found in Jeremiah 29:13: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Are you a stranger to this kind of prayer? If you are ever to learn how to prevail with God, realise it will cost the kind of prevailing prayer that involves earnest seeking. In relation to schizophrenia, the demons behind the bondage will begin to be stirred and will take your fight more seriously the moment they get the message that you have begun to seek God to become free. You will pay whatever it costs to defeat the intruders in your life through being strong in his power! Remember this promise as you seek God: "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 verse 26-27.

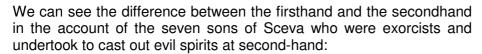
**KNOCKING:** You are desperate to be free of schizophrenia and although you know Christ and have his spirit in you, you do not possess sufficient power from him to defeat the demonic within you. Your spiritual power has to increase! This is the time when your seeking becomes so urgent, your soul so desperate, that you actually begin to knock at heaven's door. A. B. Simpson wrote: "This is more than seeking... It is not so much the prayer that knocks at the gates of heaven and extorts an answer from an unwilling God, as the prayer which, having received the answer and promise, carries it forth against the gates of the enemy and beats them down, as the walls of Jericho fell before the trump and shout of Israel's believing hosts." Your need to be free of schizophrenia is crying out for God's answer but the answer is still not forthcoming – NOW IS THE TIME TO CRY OUT TO GOD IN HOLY DESPERATION AND KNOCK AT THE ENTRANCE OF HEAVEN'S DOOR FOR HIS INDWELLING POWER IN YOU TO ENABLE YOU TO SET YOURSELF FREE!

You too can know the help and strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. See the second prayer below.

If you have already received him, then keep in touch with him every day through regular prayer and bible study. By so doing, you will begin to discern his voice a lot clearer, and as sharing your life with Christ grows there will come inner and silent strength to overcome every other voice that may trouble you.

## THE MASTERY OF THE SECONDHAND: by E. Stanley-Jones (right)

We now take another step in mastery - the mastery of the secondhand. The early Christians not only centred on the One - on Jesus - but they centred on a firsthand Jesus.





Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches."... But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" ... And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, mastered all of them, and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house. (Acts 19: 13-16.)

The man who had evil spirits had a firsthand experience of evil spirits, and these seven men had a secondhand experience of Jesus: "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." The firsthand mastered the secondhand, and they fled. That always happens - the firsthand inferior will always master the secondhand superior. If Jesus is to be power, then it must not be by a repeating of His name at secondhand - the Jesus who is real to somebody else - He must be real to you. Secondhand religion is always overpowered by firsthand evil. The comparative impotence of the Church is caused by the secondhand nature of its religion. It's religion is in creeds, in rituals, in books, in services, in prayers; but it is not a fountain of firsthand living experience of Jesus. As "Mary" says: "They preach Jesus, but don't preach Jesus available." Jesus is never available if you are preaching a secondhand Jesus. It must be out of one's own depths to the depths of the other person. Only that which comes from the heart can reach the heart. Only one loving heart can set another heart aflame. In the Acts these people were not guides pointing woodenly to a way; they were men and women who were joyously walking the Way and recounting the wonders of it at firsthand. No wonder multitudes pressed into the Way to accompany them!

O Spirit of God, take the dimness of my sight away and let me see this Jesus face to face, so that His fire may catch fire in my heart and set me aflame. Amen.

AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: My religious experience will be firsthand, straight out of the heart of God.

Excerpt from the book "Mastery" by E. Stanley Jones

#### FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File

2018 25 February - Possessing The Power Of Precious Faith Equips You To Defeat Schizophrenia

2017 30 July - Be Aware When The Powers Of Darkness Are Falling Back

**2016** 13 March - Falling In Love With The Lord Jesus Christ Defeats The Madness Of Schizophrenia

#### **WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 9 JUNE 2019:**



It is a matter of great rejoicing when faith-filled Christians engage in helping fellow-believers achieve freedom from the stronghold of schizophrenia.

When compassion and faith move out in Christ's resurrection power, mighty exploits are performed in this area of unprecedented need.

God is most certainly glorified when the lives of captives are delivered and healed from demonic power and strongholds. The establishing of the kingdom of God and the defeat of the kingdom of darkness is what Jesus came to achieve.

The word is increasing and bursting through into both the world's psychiatric medical community and inside the global church of Jesus Christ that He is still delivering and healing hopeless cases. Christ really did defeat ALL the powers of spiritual darkness ensuring that none of Satan's strongholds is too powerful to be overcome!

The message of PRAY UNTIL SCHIZOPHRENIA HEALS exists "to send out to every shore" that Jesus Christ is still LORD of all. No condition is too entrenched and embroiled to baffle and defeat the powerful, victorious love of Jesus Christ that won our freedom on the Cross of Calvary.

HALLELUJAH! If you are reading this message and feel that these truths are just mere words then let me assure you of the promised hope that ALWAYS REMAINS in the unchanging, eternal words of Jesus Christ. Never forget, He is able to deliver what He has promised. He still imparts life and that more abundantly – at its best and in all its fullness.

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

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.

(Jesus said): "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." John 6:55-57

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Proverbs 2:6-8

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

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 <a href="https://www.schizophreniadefeated.com">www.schizophreniadefeated.com</a> 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