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

FREEDOM "BREAKS OUT" IN MIND AND SPIRIT WHEN JESUS DRIVES SCHIZOPHRENIA OUT

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth: (verses 14-30): Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son," they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his home town. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard him. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

If you are struggling to break free of schizophrenia or as parents your son or daughter is held in bondage by the evil spirit, I offer you great hope of freedom TODAY in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Every year on our U.K. May Day Public Bank Holiday since 1990, I have celebrated the defeat of schizophrenia when Jesus granted me His power to drive out once and for all a nest of spirits that had troubled me for 26 years. On Monday next, I glory in what Jesus did as another year is added to make it a memorable milestone of 23.



I want to impress on you the fact that followers of Jesus Christ possess His authority to drive out real demonic intruders. With joy I can tell you of the delight of the actual bursting forth of His freedom when schizophrenia is made to leave.

As I made a train journey home to Chesterfield on that first Bank Holiday, I carried in my heart a special word of assurance from the LORD that by the end of the day I would be a free man. In a prayer time before going to catch the train in Birmingham, something marvellous had taken place.

It all started as I knelt down to pray with Tina, my future wife, prior to leaving the house. I had received a fresh revelation while out walking the Clent Hills that “my problem was one of schizophrenia”, as she had suggested. I needed to hear that because for far too long I had fought spirits of darkness restricting my life without naming and binding them specifically.

Walking on the hills, I felt the Holy Spirit say to me, “Yes, that’s what it is”. As I opened up in a farewell prayer at Tina’s home, I expressed thoughts to God of weariness and “being fed up” with the prolonged fight against spirits of darkness. It was at that moment, God came down into the room and promised His freedom into my life by the end of the day. This answer from God was the culmination of months of prayer by many Christians and my own prayer warfare.

I just knew I was a man ready to be set free from prison!! For the whole length of the train journey, I envisaged what I would do on reaching my home. I maintained a spirit of prayer and was gripped by a great anticipation. Confidence filled my heart that I held a special word from God in my heart and trusting His power, He would lead me into freedom.

I had felt this tremendous pain in my right knee which bothered me for quite some time. It had caused me such discomfort that I had been unable to walk on occasions. It was not normal to suddenly have a physical ailment like this – but the truth was it had its source in a demonic presence. Now, I was getting fired up in the spirit ready to claim my freedom so dearly purchased by Jesus Christ immediately I crossed the threshold of my home.

On arriving home, I locked the door and moved straight into the lounge. It was time to seek God and ask Him what to do. As I waited for guidance, I believed the Lord spoke: “There is a nest of evil spirits in your life and they are located in your knee.” My reply was: “How do I get them out, Lord. I have never before in my whole life cast out evil spirits!” Across the forefront of my mind came the words: “Blast them out!!” It was the inspiration I needed to proceed.

Let’s take up the story of what happened next from Chapter 9 of “Schizophrenia Defeated” - my testimony to the delivering and healing power of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician:

“The Lord had given His directions on how to proceed, so I turned the settee into the bay window to give me privacy. Because Satan and demons loathe intensely hearing God being praised and worshipped, it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to me to declare in praise who was really on the throne of my life and who had the right to own all my life.

“Addressing the evil presence in my life, I said: ‘I’ll blast you out!’

“So, using a cassette of praise choruses put together at my church, Zion Assembly of God, I sat on the settee with my right leg resting on an upright chair minus my sock and shoe. I played triumphant praise as loudly as possible from the recorder into the area around my right knee where the feeling of cramp was still present. On the train journey home the nagging power it always produced seemed muffled during the reading of the book (*Pigs in the Parlour*).

“When the 20 minute tape reached the chorus, “Jesus at Your Name we bow the knee”, I thought it had particular significance to my praying. So I leaned over and addressed the demon in my right leg, saying: “Do you hear that, you demon of schizophrenia, bow the knee to Jesus!”

"I then sat back waiting on the Lord until the rest of the tape ran out. I then turned the cassette off and with the Lord helping me, I challenged the demon's legal right to be in my life. I pleaded the blood of Christ and asserted the Lordship of Christ over my life, telling the demons that they had no legal right to be occupying my life because Jesus Christ of Nazareth had died for me. I declared boldly that they had been pigs in the parlour of my life for far too long and now had to go. I commanded the demon of schizophrenia to leave my life and go to the dry and waterless place, and THEN IT HAPPENED.

"Glory to Jesus! There were two movements across the middle of my right leg followed by a third which was distinct from the other two, all going down my leg and out through my bare foot, providing a sensation of release. I knew without doubt that the evil forces had left my life. I believe the three movements represented a "nest of spirits" being exorcised, and were demons of schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide.

"I almost hit the ceiling with joy, as I realised that God had won a deliverance in my life. Then I thought to ring Tina to tell her the good news. Walking to the phone in the corner of the room, the Holy Spirit checked me and I sat down on the settee. Placing my hands in three places over my head, I prayed: "Lord, believing that You have enabled me to cast out those demons in my life, You heal what has been knotted up in my mind for all these years."

"As I was still speaking, God unleashed laser-type healing power right through the centre of my head. It was just like the promise in Isaiah 65:24: 'Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.'

"On this particular day, He responded with greased-lightning speed. I didn't feel the impact of God's healing power so much at the sides of my head. The "rays" of power cut through the centre and I felt in a split-moment of time, power infusing the top of my head down to my forehead and right through to the base of my neck. It was God hitting the bull's eye in the area where I needed His healing power.

(WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN MY MIND AND SPIRIT THROUGH BEING DELIVERED BY JESUS)

"I was disappointed that Tina was not with me to see the immediate effect of healing on my face, now aglow and full of joy. The band of tightness around my mind was no longer there. Instead of my face being under the influence of a mind paralysed through deep entrenchment by evil spirits, it was bursting with joy because of the inner release. I said to Tina:

"I can't wait to get down to see you on Saturday. You will meeting a new man. I tell you I look different.

"I went to work the next morning in Sheffield feeling so very different, like a man having walked out of a prison house with his chains left inside the cell. The inner joy and strength enabled me to get on with my work a lot easier. There was no fear upon my life, because God had broken it in every form. I knew there was now power in my life through the fresh realisation of Jesus dying for me. The authority I possessed in Him caused me to walk ten feet high.

"My longing to travel down to Halesowen to see Tina was with me throughout the whole working week. Every night I was on the phone to tell her how I was getting on:

"It's just wonderful. On getting home from work I don't feel tired. There's no need to go upstairs to rest or sleep like before. The healing has brought fresh strength into my life, and I'm living a new life.

"The effects and benefits of deliverance and healing were both immediate and immense. Not only was my mind set free, but also my locked-up emotions and the straitjacket around my body dropped off. I felt no restrictions to begin such things like gardening, where the thought of doing the work before was actually more tiring than the work itself. I no longer needed to employ someone to dig over my garden, such a small area that it had become something of a joke with one or two friends that I needed to engage someone to do the work for me. But in the past, digging had proved a problem to me as I lacked physical strength. It was far easier for me to ask a gardener to come and do the work while I wrote articles for the New Life newspaper and paid him for his time and effort from the earnings received.

"Wonder of wonders, I actually became interested in DIY, and my productivity increased plus the zest for living. The enjoyment of natural life, of which I had been deprived for so long because of my condition, returned. The delusion concerning legitimate pleasures left. I felt able to sit out in the sun without a hat on and really enjoy the heat on my head, as I now did in my lunch break on the lawn near the bus shelter in Pond Street, Sheffield, praising God and speaking in tongues.

"The deliverance and freedom that Jesus had brought into my life was visible to all. My children saw a marked difference and got their real father back. Colleagues in the office observed a brighter countenance replacing a heaviness and tiredness around my eyes. It was a freedom and freshness hitherto not seen. Christians friends, too, noticed what God had done, though many didn't have the interest to ask how I had become set free, possibly because of the lack of understanding about the demonic influence on my life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Loving God and Heavenly Father, we come to you in the Name of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ and thank You that He has opened up for us all a new and living way. Receive our adoration and praise that we have been redeemed back to Yourself through Him and mightily delivered and healed from all the works of the enemy. We worship you for ever and ever. Amen

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 14 Oct – *How To Prevent Schizophrenia Disintegrating Your Personality*

2011: 22 May – *Allow God To Free Your Tightly Closed Mind To The Schizophrenia Deliverance*

2010: 18 July – *The Mind Of The Spirit Overcoming The Schizophrenic 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.



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.

Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” He (Jesus) replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.” Luke 8:20-21

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Psalm 104:33-34

The Weekly Encourager:

12 May - Persevering To The End by Bethany Behney

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