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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 28TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

FROM ONLY ONE POSITION IS IT SAFE TO APPROACH AND RESIST SATAN

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1 Key Verses 15-23 Thanksgiving and Prayer:

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparable great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills everything in every way.



CHAPTER 2 Key Verses 6-10: Made Alive in Christ:

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

When a born-again Christian desirous of defeating schizophrenia truly understands that he/she is positioned in Jesus Christ in the heavenlies far above all principalities and powers, then and then only do they possess real spiritual authority to proceed to free themselves of all Satanic bondage and get their life back.

With such a revelation in their heart imparting too a proper understanding of the vulnerability of Satan and demons, the binding up of evil forces and the casting out from one's life of the malicious intruders can be effectively carried out because of the benefits of the death and resurrection, ascension and glorification of God's precious Son.

But it must be underlined that all this takes place following a true appreciation of what was eternally achieved after the momentous historical event at Calvary when Jesus died and rose again. Satan and his cohorts fear and tremble at the mention of the power of the blood of the Holy Son of God shed to redeem lost mankind. No matter how long schizophrenia bondage has

held you captive or how deep the bondage has been, you will emerge with undisputed freedom and new life in God.

You need to have an appreciation of this vital factor of altitude you possess as a believer in Jesus Christ and from only one position is it safe to approach and resist Satan - the position in Christ in the highest heavenlies. From this position Satan and his hosts are completely vulnerable. It took years for me to properly understand this truth but when it burned in my spirit of who I was in Christ and where I was positioned it produced a confidence in Christ that spurred me on claim my freedom. (Read all about that joyous day of victory for Jesus Christ in my life over 27 years ago from Chapter 9 of *Schizophrenia Defeated - Delivered And Healed in Minutes*).

The late R. Arthur Mathews, a missionary with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in China's interior, writes in his book, "Born For Battle": "So for us altitude is a vital factor. Victory depends on it. Understandably, therefore, Satan's craft is dedicated to luring us away from this place of advantage and causing us to forget his vulnerability. The significance of being made powerful in the Lord is directly connected to the faith that maintains its position 'far above all' in all circumstances and puts on with Jesus Christ as the only adequate armour of God."

1. Make sure you know what you are doing when proceeding in spiritual warfare against the powers of darkness behind schizophrenia. Having a right appreciation and acknowledgment, first of all, that you are no match for them without the Lord Jesus Christ ruling and reigning within your life is an "absolute must". My life for 23 years focused on surviving the onslaught of the demonic presence. During that time I struggled with maintaining demanding full-time employment, facing personal bereavement, bringing up two lovely children plus the commitment of active church involvement. I was thrown on God for His resources as every day seemed to be a spiritual fight to maintain my ground and stand in the liberty wherein Christ had set me free. I inwardly knew the need to meet God in the early morning before setting out on the activities of the day. Without His enabling I would not have been able to cope. The hope of being set free of schizophrenia was a deep longing in my heart as I yearned to return to the life I used to know. But how to rally enough personal strength and fortitude to conquer Satanic forces was not present at this time. It was slow in dawning as I gradually inched my way back to health and strength over many years and finally came off all psychotic drugs when God told me to. There was a lot of heart preparation in drawing close to God and realising the wonderful provision that Christ had achieved in the area of personal freedom. Because dealing with schizophrenia requires a determined fight you will see the importance of knowing your enemy and attaining the confidence imparted by Jesus Christ concerning the victory and freedom He has already won for you, even though it may seem a long time in coming.

2. Make sure that you have a vital relationship with Jesus Christ even though you struggle with schizophrenia. Remember you are very precious to God's Son and every effort you make to know him better in your life is rewarded. His hold of you will always be the same and in every onslaught you may face the power He has available to you is "like the working of his mighty strength". Immerse yourself in the Word of God where words which are spirit and life can abide in power in your heart and keep out any attacks from demon spirits seeking to trample over your mind. You will find as you stay close to God that He is giving you what might be called important personal victories. Each one brings the glorious result of getting to know Christ better. Always remember that your triumphant Saviour is seated at God's right hand and you are seated with him in the heavenly realms. Christ himself is praying for you, just think of that for a moment! The Holy Spirit is so powerful as to enable you to keep control of your life, even though you may have a demanding job to do at the same time. But what about some Christian schizophrenics, you ask, who are so disabled and feel unable to work at all. Persevering in faith to hold on to Jesus Christ demands one's full attention but where the Word of God is living in your heart - the place where you do all your real thinking - such a strategy once known and performed can take control of a mind which otherwise would be tossed in a thousand directions. The mind, remember, is the place where you execute "all your understanding". Once you find the secret that the "spirit of the heart" is the real home where you

carry out all of life's thinking, then you are rightly positioned in time to defeat the presence of schizophrenia in your troubled mind.

3. Make sure you are acquainted with the discipline of standing fast in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ aware that it is the issue of the day "... to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand." Ephesians 6:13. The Holy Spirit Himself will teach and instruct you this spiritual truth. There is power in having faith in the Lord Jesus and it is power that is needed to overcome the bondage of schizophrenia. "This is the victory that overcomes the world even our faith" (1 John 5:4) is a scripture pointing to the urgent need to live life on all occasions with a living, conscious and active faith in Jesus. Holding on to Him by faith enables you to see that the important issue is not to look at the things which are seen but to Christ alone who is the attraction of your heart and the object of your faith.

Living life with a faith in Christ keeps you in a continual state of knowing that the authority of your dear Saviour and Lord remains in your life. The value of the Word of God and how to fulfil its exhortations are best carried out when your heart is full of faith. "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees", as Jesus is mightily enthroned in the human heart. Standing fast in the faith keeps you forever spiritually alert as you know the importance of keeping truths taught you by the Holy Spirit. With your heart united through faith in Christ, "you walk with Him, talk with Him and call Him your very own". The enjoyment of that increases the day you step out of a schizophrenic prison for it cannot hold you any longer. THEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LIFE OF BONDAGE TO DEMONIC SCHIZOPHRENIA HAS GOT TO COME TO AN END. IT MOST CERTAINLY WILL AS JESUS WORKS FOR YOU TO SEE IT HAPPEN!

FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File

2016 11 December: Enforce The Victory Of Jesus Christ On Calvary By Prayer Warfare

2015 28 June: Becoming Free Ends All The Grief You Suffered With Schizophrenia

2014 9 March: Praying Thoughts Of Freedom From The Heart To Release Your Mind

Weekly Encourager: 13 August

Why It Takes So Long For A Christian To Battle Through And Defeat Schizophrenia On Their Own

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

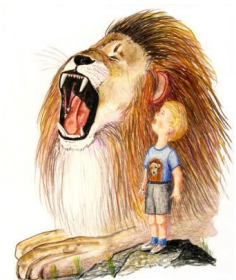
We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the Lord will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and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

(Jesus said): "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:25-27

(The Lord said to Joshua) "... Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:8-9

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. Psalm 119: 92-93

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

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals