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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 26TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OVER 27 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS CHRIST.

## YOUR QUEST FOR FREEDOM INCREASES EACH DAY AS YOU ADVANCE IN THE STRONGHOLD OF GOD'S LOVE

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING: MARK CHAPTER 9

Verses 14-29: *The Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit* - When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

A man in the crowd answered. "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

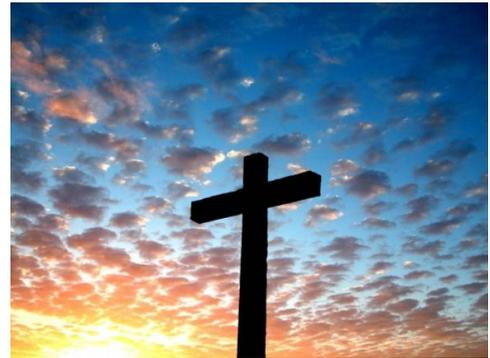
Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and dumb spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer." (some manuscripts say *prayer and fasting*)

The pathway to freedom out of schizophrenia usually involves a long and persevering fight as its evil demonic presence is loosened and unseated through the power of faith and prayer in the Lord



Jesus Christ. Long-standing and stubborn spirits may refuse to move out at the first command (though, praise God, it does happen!) - you have to let the intruders know you mean business and proceed to expel their total presence no matter how long it takes to succeed in driving them out!

Once you have made a determined choice to get God's intended freedom back into your life and "turn on the heat" of all-conquering powerful prayer, the evil spirit of schizophrenia will fight to retain its presence in your life. Expect such a resistance as you sally forth in all the confidence God imparts and begin "the driving out operation" of every evil presence restricting your freedom.

Notice, from the accounts in the gospels, the strong words and action used by Jesus to free people of evil spirits. One incident records: "While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." (Matthew 9 verse 32-33). We observe strong, powerful authority coming from Jesus to exorcise demonic intruders.

But a few verses later, Matthew Chapter 10 begins with these words: "He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." You may suffer at present with schizophrenia but if you know Jesus you have the same power in you that raised up Jesus from the dead and YOU CAN defeat the evil presence in your life. Your life-stance, attitude, warfare has got to be nothing less than that ...a resolution to perform a forceful marching-out of evil trespassers from your life that you oppose with every ounce of your being.

At some point, your will has got to spring into action and become mightily activated with a resolution of determination that says no matter what it costs I am going to be free of demonic intruders through taking complete control of my life in every way.

Many schizophrenics – even some who profess to know Jesus – do not have the correct attitude to the voices of evil spirits behind the condition of schizophrenia and regard them as harmless and not to be opposed. "These voices are my friends", they say, though deception is behind such a statement. No resistance can be found in their lives to evict these intruders; such a passive state has got to change or no progress will ever be made.

For many years, I struggled to survive life and knew the help of God's Holy Spirit while keeping down a full-time job, facing the illness and later the death of my first wife, taking medication year after year, and in an out of psychiatric hospitals. During that time my desire to be free of what seemed to be a "permanent" mental bondage was longed for but it was not something I was really determined to break and set free of.

Forces of evil and passivity had weakened my resistance time and time again – as they may have done and still do in your life today – as Satan and his cohorts planned an unrelenting strategy to destroy me. Their well-worn routine is always to follow the line of deception, passivity, entrenchment (deeper passivity) and finally, destruction. (Passivity is a cessation of the active exercise of the will in control over spirit, soul and body, or either, as may be the case).

Like a boxer who was being pummelled on the ropes by his opponent, I fought back in the only way I could through trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and the memorised, active word of God for this was a spiritual fight taking place. I was once on the ropes, figuratively speaking, when the devil's knock-out punch was heading my way for the final kill.... when suddenly, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, roared from within my indwelling spirit and I surfaced with a desperate retaliation. The bout that ensued was so sapping for my entire life, emotional and physical as well as spiritual, that it drained me of every ounce of energy in what was a life and death battle for survival.

But something registered in my spirit that day to seek complete victory and fortified my future determination to become free. I went from being on the defensive to being on the attack. I

remember walking into the toilets at work and saying to God: "I am going to come here in my tea breaks and dinner breaks to seek you until you break the power of this bondage in my life."

So armed with a desire to be free, I stole away three times a day into the toilets on the four floors of the Post Office in Sheffield, for a trysting time with my stronghold, the Lord Jesus Christ. Food didn't matter. I found all the spiritual food I wanted in my Personal Workers New Testament. God saw the discipline behind those regular meetings and often "came down" with his precious Presence to encourage and comfort me. I am not saying that what I did has got to be duplicated by you in order to get your freedom but what I am trying to recommend is that if ever you are going to be free in Jesus, you have got to want HIS freedom and seek it AT ANY PRICE.

Let us pray together to that end: Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you in and through the Name of your Son my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you for the help and comfort I receive from the your living Presence in my heart through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each day help me to grow in the knowledge of yourself through reading your word and trusting in the power of your grace. Come to me with your strength to resist, and defeat, any intruding evil spirit affecting my mind. Through hearing your voice may I evict every other presence and voice and so enter into more and more the freedom which I have already received from you. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File**

**2012** 18 MARCH – Learning How To Pray In The Power Of The Holy Spirit

**2011** 9 OCTOBER – "Lord, My Deliverer, I Cry Out To You Again And Again"

**2010** 26 SEPTEMBER – Know Your Authority In Jesus Before Expelling The Demon Of Schizophrenia

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*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.*

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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"

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*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.*

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**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

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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.

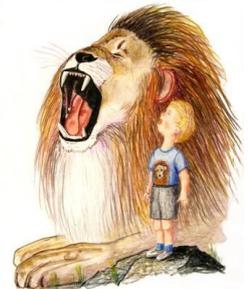
Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion... We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will left up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. Psalm 20:1-2, & 5

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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](http://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*