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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 32 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

THE DAY SCHIZOPHRENIA ERUPTED I FLED TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE WHERE HIS INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS PROTECTED ME!

Psalm 91 THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HIGH:

The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." He Himself will deliver you from the hunter's net, from the destructive plague. He will cover you with His feathers; you will take refuge under His wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day, the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the pestilence will not reach you. You will only see it with your eyes and witness the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD -my refuge, the Most High- your dwelling place, no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent. For He will give His angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways. They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent. Because he is lovingly devoted to Me, I will deliver him; I will exalt him because he knows My name. When he calls out to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and give him honor. I will satisfy him with a long life and show him My salvation. (The Devotional Bible CWR).



The Lord Jesus Christ said: "I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep." John 10:14-15

The sudden intrusion of Satanic evil which descended over my life at 23 years of age was so overwhelming and confusing that I immediately turned to God for help.

How grateful I was that for over eight years I had been in a meaningful relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. I was to experience His extended protection covering 26 long and weary years of schizophrenia and His power to heal, deliver and fully restore me to a full life.

What was so strange to handle that day way back in 1965 was a new sensation of hearing demonic voices inside my head. I was used to hearing the voice of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, whom I followed and loved, not oppressive voices disturbing and challenging the life I knew and rejoiced in.

Unable to continue working as a journalist because of the impact of confusion and a strong, withdrawn passivity in my life, I was urgently rushed from home by ambulance to the Victorian Middlewood Sanatorium Hospital in Sheffield. I was in great need – unaware that my Lord and Saviour was still in charge of my life.

It would have been a comfort to recall some precious words of the Lord Jesus Christ being the Good Shepherd recorded in John Chapter 10 but I was living in such confusion and bondage in my mind that it never took place.

It was only after I received electric shock treatment followed by medication that I began to feel a little more normal, though my head often seemed it did not belong to me. The voices had receded and that was a big consolation, but what was the most comforting improvement came in the returning realisation that the Lord Jesus Christ was still with me! **That knowledge has never left me over the years as I have proved the amazing faithfulness of my Saviour.**

May I point out to you today who are suffering with schizophrenia and are in a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ that He holds your life in the hollow of His hand and He will care for you. He has the power to evict every destructive voice from Satan who has lost his legal right to your life, to heal and deliver you and to restore the years that have been in bondage.

HERE ARE A FEW TRUTHS AND DISCIPLINES TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT TAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. DEVELOP A DISCIPLINE FOR THE LOVE OF THE WORD OF GOD WHICH IS LIFE AND STRENGTH: Battling schizophrenia requires inner strength coming from your spirit and reaching your mind. Jesus says in John's gospel Chapter 6:63 – **"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."** The mind in bondage to schizophrenia can be totally transformed by the power of the Word of God into the mind of the Spirit.

2. LEARN TO SEEK AFTER GOD FOR YOU WILL FIND HIM WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART: Nothing is more certain than receiving the promises of God once the conditions are met! Start to get alone with God. Begin to wait in the presence of your Heavenly Father. As you approach Him in the name of His Son, your Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, who is already in heaven seated at the Father's right hand, draw near in confidence and humility. He extends a welcome to you in His Presence for as a believer you are drawing nigh through the merits of the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Lose yourself in worshipping God!

3. THERE IS A POWER AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH ENABLES YOU NOT ONLY TO PRAY BUT TO COMMAND IN PRAYER, TOO. You will not learn this lesson in a hurry for it is a secret God gives through spending much time being in His Presence. Once you know who you are in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has obtained for you through His great love, and how He makes you the very apple of His eye, you will be opposed to all spiritual darkness that would seek to rob and destroy your eternal life in God. Learning to stand fast in the faith is essential each day. When you are praying for people and situations where there is spiritual darkness, you can serve notice on Satan by commanding Him and the kingdom of darkness to be driven out so that the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ can be ushered in.

4. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS TO STAND ALONGSIDE FELLOW CHRISTIANS SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA. The church needs to be awakened from its "fearful slumbers". It often gives the appearance of being dead and without any power. But intercessors are calling out to God for His body to resemble something that it should be seen to be A company of people filled with the living Presence of God and His glory, overflowing with love that is attractive, fresh, new and filling lives as God intended it to be. Filled with a passion to save the lost and extend the kingdom of God throughout the earth must find a welcome place in your heart.

PRAYER - GRACIOUS AND LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE ETERNAL LIFE SECURED FOR US THROUGH YOUR SON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS AT CALVARY. MAY OUR ENTIRE WORLD, AND THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS, SO DEARLY PURCHASED BY HIM AT SUCH GREAT COST COME TO KNOW YOU THROUGH A TOTAL SURRENDER AND FIND YOU ALONE, WHOM TO KNOW IS LIFE ETERNAL. IN JESUS CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2019 17 February – How God Arranged A Lasting Love Match Strong Enough To Destroy 26 Years of Schizophrenia

2018 11 March – Prevent Your Heart And Mind Becoming Cold In Its Love To The Lord Jesus Christ

2017 5 & 12 March – Why Does The Church Trust The Psychiatrist More Than Jesus Christ In Helping Mental Captives

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 13 SEPTEMBER 2020:

HOW TINA GOT THROUGH NEARLY 29 YEARS OF MARRIAGE - AND ENJOYED IT - AFTER MY HEALING OF 26 YEARS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then shall I know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Just over 17 months after being delivered and healed of schizophrenia by Jesus Christ, I married Tina whose efforts to organise a prayer force on my behalf was marvellously rewarded.

She witnessed such a remarkable change in my life since the breakthrough into freedom on May Day 1990 that it was only a matter of time before we fixed the wedding day.

Though dramatically set free of schizophrenia after a 26 year long battle, life was not all plain sailing without difficulties arising – but when you think of the length of time my personality had been disintegrated by demonic foes then there is little wonder.

Just consider that for more than a third of a lifetime, I had been deprived of the enjoyment of natural life because the nest of spirits (schizophrenia, religious and suicide) had robbed me of that pleasure and many more.

When Jesus Christ assisted me in driving out those spirits and minutes later penetrated the inner core of my mind with His healing presence, it was not the end of restoration but only the beginning.

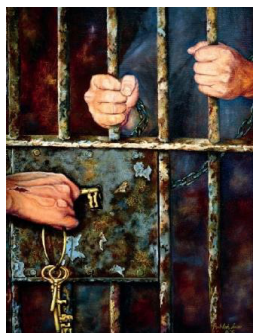
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: “Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus 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 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.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave. Psalm 86:11 -13

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

