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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

ENFORCE THE VICTORY OF JESUS CHRIST ON CALVARY BY PRAYER WARFARE

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS
MATTHEW'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 27**

Verses 32-61 The Crucifixion: As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross if you are the Son of God!"

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

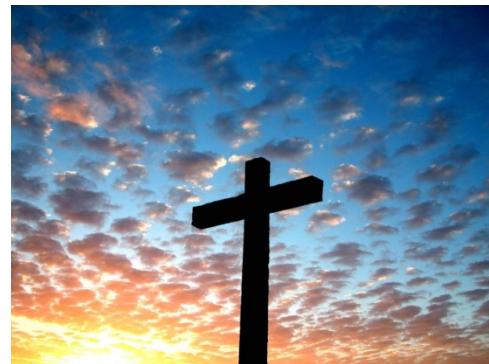
The Death of Jesus: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" – which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"



Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

The Burial of Jesus: As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

For further reading go to Isaiah Chapter 53

In opposing spiritual forces intent on bringing destruction, the Christian schizophrenic has to keep in view the victory Jesus Christ won through His death and resurrection.

That God found it needful to send His Son into the world to pay the price for the sins of a fallen human race is a sacrifice placing eternal worth on the value of every person.

Once that great truth registers in your spirit through acceptance of Christ as your Saviour and Lord, you possess a revelation so precious as to want to live life with that knowledge reigning in opposition to Satan and his kingdom of darkness.

It's not easy fighting the spiritual darkness behind schizophrenia – and the battle can only be sustained through relying on the resources Jesus obtained for you when he died and rose again in order that you might live.

What a great comfort it is whenever the mystery of schizophrenia erupts in one's life to be thrown completely on the resources of God for a way out into freedom.

We are now in the season of Advent when we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ whose mission as the unique Son of God was to make an open show and defeat the principalities and powers of Satan and win us back to God through bestowing His gift of eternal life. Knowing such a truth is more precious than life itself.

We have but a small appreciation of how much the Father heart of God loves us, and the yearning He has to enjoy fellowship with us every day. He defeated every Satanic hindrance when on the Cross "**“by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil.” Hebrews 2:14**"

The dawning of schizophrenia is such an interruption to fellowship with God because the root behind the condition is totally demonic and militates strongly against a believer in Jesus enjoying communion with His maker.

I am now celebrating over 30 years of freedom from schizophrenia but I still remember the real life-battle it was to lean hard on Jesus Christ to survive and persevere.

The Word of God found its way into the centre of my confusion and life-disorientation and was the stabilising factor to endure. Making it clear to the powers of darkness that my life now belonged to the Lord Jesus Christ was a powerful declaration. You need to do the same when your mind is being assailed. Resist the devil and proclaim that Jesus owns your life and every demonic source has no legal right to abide in your life.

Battling against schizophrenia is no small contest in prayer warfare. You will need to take on all the panoply of spiritual armoury spoken about in Ephesians 6: 10-20. God enables you not only to stand firm in the liberty wherein Christ has set you free but he can equip you to oppose any spirits seeking to rob you of your freedom in Christ.

You will triumph and come through into Christ's freedom for your life!! "Fight the good fight with all might. Christ is your strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life and it shall be, Your joy and crown eternally."

Be encouraged by this meditation by Charles Haddon Spurgeon on "Strong in faith" – Romans 4:20

CHRISTIAN, take good care of thy faith; for recollect faith is the only way whereby you can obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven – on which God's messages of love fly so fast, that before we call He answers, and while we are yet speaking He hears us. But if that telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble? – I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten about by the enemy? – my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away – in vain I call to God.

There is no road betwixt my soul and heaven. In the deepest winter-time faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel – ay, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King? Faith links me with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jehovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defence. It helps to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that wavereth – who is like a wave of the Sea – expect that he will receive anything of God! O then, Christian, watch well thy faith; for with it you can win all things, however poor you are, but without it you can obtain nothing. "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes."

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.

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2019 21 & 28 July - Why Does The Church Trust The Psychiatrist More Than The Lord Jesus Christ In Helping Mental Captives?

2018 10 June – The Wedding Day Spills Over With Rejoicing – Extract of Chapter 9 from Schizophrenia Defeated

2017 4 June – Why The Church Needs A Fresh Touch Of Pentecost To Rescue Christians From Schizophrenia

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 15 NOVEMBER 2020:

BELIEVE THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR EVER LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION IN HEAVEN FOR YOU!

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 34: Key Verses 1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me: let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Verses 15-22 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no-one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

There are numerous occasions in the life of a Christian suffering with schizophrenia when desperate prayers are made to God for deliverance from the evil of the psychotic bondage.

Living inside a mental prison-house, you fully understand what it means to engage "all kinds of prayers and petitions" to maintain your sanity.

Leaning hard on God, you will cry out to Him every time you need to know His delivering power over a spiritual darkness that wars within your mind and seeks to destroy you.

Remember, Jesus Christ has won the battle against the forces of evil opposed against you. He sits at the Father's right hand in heaven making intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25).

You may have suffered with schizophrenia for many years and have cried out to God all that time, and yet your day of freedom has not arrived. I know the patient endurance required to persevere because of having had a 26 years' wait before my jubilee day came.

I pray your deliverance and healing to come as soon as possible, but no matter how long before Jesus snaps the chains around your mind, keep holding on to Him ... even thanking Him for the freedom you are expecting.

If you had not got the promised word of freedom of Jesus living in your heart – "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" John 15:7 – such a delay would be too much. But Jesus who gives you the promise also inspires faith and strength to hold on to it as you wait to see it performed.

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"

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, reproduciveness, 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.

(Jesus said): “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to

the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6: 39-40

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1: 9-11

(Jesus said): "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15: 10-11

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