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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW STARTING HIS 30TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS A FRESH TOUCH OF PENTECOST TO RESCUE CHRISTIANS FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA

FAITH IS RISING IN GOD'S PEOPLE TO LOVE SCHIZOPHRENICS INTO FREEDOM

Read Acts Chapter 2 - The Holy Spirit Comes At Pentecost.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING: JOHN CHAPTER 9

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind: As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

"How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

"Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.



The Pharisees Investigate the Healing: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

He replied, "Whether he is sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness: Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him.

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

It is a matter of great rejoicing when faith-filled Christians engage in helping fellow-believers achieve freedom from the stronghold of schizophrenia.

When compassion and faith move out in Christ's resurrection power, mighty exploits are performed in this area of unprecedented need.

God is most certainly glorified when the lives of captives are delivered and healed from demonic power and strongholds. The establishing of the kingdom of God and the defeat of the kingdom of darkness is what Jesus came to achieve.

The word is increasing and bursting through into both the world's psychiatric medical community and inside the global church of Jesus Christ that He is still delivering and healing hopeless cases. Christ really did defeat ALL the powers of spiritual darkness ensuring that none of Satan's strongholds is too powerful to be overcome!

The message of PRAY UNTIL SCHIZOPHRENIA HEALS exists "to send out to every shore" that Jesus Christ is still LORD of all. No condition is too entrenched and embroiled to baffle and defeat the powerful, victorious love of Jesus Christ that won our freedom on the Cross of Calvary.

HALLELUJAH! If you are reading this message and feel that these truths are just mere words then let me assure you of the promised hope that ALWAYS REMAINS in the unchanging, eternal words of Jesus Christ. Never forget, He is able to deliver what He has promised. He still imparts life and that more abundantly – at its best and in all its fullness.

Helping Christians suffering with schizophrenia into freedom has more to do with bringing in the victorious love of Jesus Christ than casting out demons behind the condition. Schizophrenia is able to be conquered and totally defeated because the love of Jesus is as great as His power and able to achieve mighty victories.

The truth I determined to keep in my thinking during many years of struggling to survive life itself was that I had a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. The great fact I reminded myself about was that Jesus had died for me and had promised that He would never leave me or forsake me, even as powers of darkness took hold of my mind.

You too, no doubt, feel the need to remind yourself of how much Jesus loves you. In the days when you can't wait any longer for the Lord to show up and lead you out into freedom – and nothing is happening – cling to the Lord of your life and His promises. You will come through no matter how difficult a time you have.

Don't let the bad feelings you suffer because of schizophrenia cloud the truth that Jesus Christ loves you with an everlasting love. Because He rose from the dead, we have the positive proof that indeed God's love is as strong as His power. The Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead is well able to quicken your mortal body and make you more than a match for any single or group of demonic spirits (Romans 8:11).

It is so important when experiencing spiritual warfare, and the enemy's target is your mind, to keep hold of God through faith in the heart. Feed God's Word into your heart and you will find it has the

ability to influence your mind as well. God's love in your heart can strengthen you in a far greater way than you may think is possible. The power behind Christ's love is so victorious and strong.

So never lose heart! Learn to know what God is like and remind yourself of the power of God that is on your side. You will be able to keep control of your life because Jesus is the Mighty Victor and your life is in His hands. He will not let you go even though you may enter the deepest distress from a host of foes.

Never be dismayed. **"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)** There's such encouragement in a verse like this to keep you going until Christ wins the ordeal for you. Don't forget to keep asking God for help. Make your cries to God a never-ending exercise. It's not a pleasant experience battling for your own spiritual freedom, but it's got to be done if you are to come out victorious.

Aided by the Spirit of the Lord, the human spirit can rise to endure. Those who are working to see Christian schizophrenics set free are both motivated by the love of God and have confidence in the love of God to bring others through. I find it a great privilege to encourage others towards freedom by simply declaring that the love of Christ is so wonderfully powerful as to inspire faith and prayer sufficient enough to lead others out of bondage for the rest of their lives.

THOUGHTS by Charles Haddon Spurgeon on "We love Him because He first loved us."
1 John 4:19

There is no light in the planet but that which proceeds from the sun; and there is no true love to Jesus in the heart but that which comes from the Lord Jesus himself. From this overflowing fountain of the infinite love of God, all our love to God must spring. This must ever be a great and certain truth, that we love Him for no other reason than because He first loved us.

Our love to Him is the fair offspring of His love to us. Cold admiration, when studying the works of God, anyone may have, but the warmth of love can only be kindled in the heart by God's Spirit. How great the wonder that such as we should ever have been brought to love Jesus at all! How marvellous that when we had rebelled against Him, he should, by a display of such amazing love, seek to draw us back.

No! Never should we have had a grain of love towards God unless it had been sown in us by the sweet seed of His love to us. Love, then, has for its parent the love of God shed abroad in the heart: but after it is thus divinely born, it must be divinely nourished. Love is an exotic; it is not a plant which will flourish naturally in human soil, it must be watered from above. Love to Jesus is a flower of delicate nature, and if it received no nourishment but that which could be drawn from the rock of our hearts it would soon wither.

As love comes from heaven; so it must feed on heavenly bread. It cannot exist in the wilderness unless it be fed by manna from on high. Love must feed on love. The very soul and life of our love to God is His love to us.

"I love thee, Lord, but with no love of mine, For I have none to give; I love thee, Lord; but all the love is thine, For by thy love, I live. I am as nothing, and rejoice to be emptied, and lost, and swallowed up in thee."

And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered (Joel 2:32)

by Charles Hadden Spurgeon

Why do not I call on His name? Why do I run to this neighbour and that when God is so near and will hear my faintest call? Why do I sit down and devise



schemes and invent plans? Why not at once roll myself and my burden upon the Lord?

Straightforward is the best runner – why do not I run at once to the living God? In vain shall I look for deliverance anywhere else; but with God I shall find it; For here I have His royal shall to make it sure. I need not ask whether I may call on Him or not, for that word “Whosoever” is a very wide and comprehensive one. Whosoever means me, for it means anybody and everybody who calls upon God. I will therefore follow the leading of the text, and at once call upon the glorious Lord who has made so large a promise.

My case is urgent, and I do not see how I am to be delivered; but this is no business of mine. He who makes the promise will find ways and means of keeping it. It is mine to obey His commands; it is not mine to direct His counsels. I am His servant, not His solicitor. I call upon Him, and He will deliver.

This extract was selected by James on May 7th 2009 in celebration of his 19th anniversary of being delivered by Jesus.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File

2018 21 October - Prayer Power Breaking Through Schizophrenia's "Gates Of Brass And Bars Of Iron"

2017 3 September - The Power Of God's Love Setting A Schizophrenic Totally Free

2016 14 August - Without The Vision Of Tina In A Bridal Gown, I Would Have Let Her Go

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 16 JUNE 2019:

HOW GOD CAN USE THE AFFLICTION OF SCHIZOPHRENIA TO BRING HOPE TO OTHERS

How does God go about dispensing hope to thousands of people living in a hopeless condition? It is a question you can turn over in your mind following the reading of our Scripture passage for this week. Well, to start with, we must acknowledge that His ways are not our ways and as such He acts altogether differently to achieve his ends.

Reading about the long imprisonment and wilderness experience Joseph endured before being eventually freed caused me to remember the question I raised some years ago: Why did it take so long before God delivered and healed me? Why did the bondage have to last 26 years - more than a third of a lifetime - before He eventually brought me out? These questions no longer unsettle me since I believe that the length of my schizophrenic imprisonment was determined by God who had a divine purpose behind it all. Without the suffering I went through, He would have been unable to bring into my life the tender compassion for other sufferers which found birth in my soul.

I could never have imagined the present day freedom in which I am now living. God has, and is still restoring the years which “the locusts have eaten.” Not only were there many years when securing freedom was hard to envisage, but never in my mind came the thought that one day, God would be able to be glorified through the affliction. He is now able to use it for his glory and show his faithfulness and power to set free that many other schizophrenic sufferers will thereby be filled with hopefulness too.

I somehow thought around my early twenties when schizophrenia disrupted my life that I had lost God’s plan for the future. All thought about serving God in the ministry ran into a permanent cul-de-sac since the time spiritual darkness hit my life. Because I perceived that serving God only had to do with preaching and witnessing, it never crossed my mind that God had other ways in which to speak through people...through the path of suffering. Many preachers have preached their greatest sermon in affliction and suffering.

The intensity of years of suffering were both forgotten and gave way to fruitfulness most significantly on our 2010 trip to Colombia where the highlight of my life so far in infusing other sufferers with hope, was realised. Not only that, but I tasted personal enrichment of love, patience, compassion, tenderness and a thousand other flowers and fruits of the blessed Spirit which I experienced inside the furnace of affliction with Jesus. I had to go to the people of another country to taste this richness.

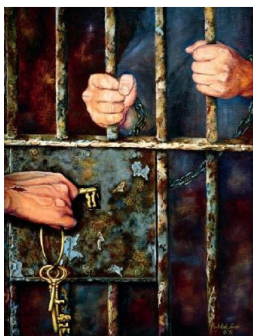
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus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



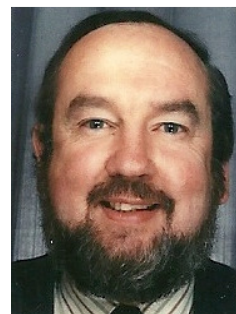
BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

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.

(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

