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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.

ONLY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DRIVE OUT AND DEFEAT THE VOICES OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS John's Gospel Chapter 10: Key Verses 1-21 The Shepherd and His Flock: "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice. Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.



Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

At these words the Jews were again divided. Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

In January, 2018 I celebrate 30 years since the Holy Spirit guided me to discontinue taking all psychotic medication – a decision of such momentous importance only carried out when I knew it was right to go ahead.

For nearly 24 years, I had complied with the advice of psychiatrists concerning which drugs they decided I needed and submitted to electric shock therapy at intervals of crisis. As you can imagine, life battling with schizophrenia in which I held down demanding full-time employment was a constant challenge. Becoming stronger in my faith as a born-again Christian brought stirrings of wanting to be totally free and enjoy and life I had missed out on for so long.

I fully support the advice given to me way back in 1987 by a mature Christian, whose husband was well-known in the deliverance and healing scene, that I should ONLY end the regime of taking drugs “if I was certain God had told me to do so.”

It was by no means a quick decision I reached to stop all medication but one I persevered in prayer about for several months. But the Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Lord since the age of 14 had promised me, as He still does to every Christian suffering with schizophrenia, that “if I followed Him I would no longer walk in darkness but have the light of life.” This focus was increasing and getting stronger and stronger in my spirit.

Following a job relocation and change of work which witnessed a move from being a counter clerk in the main post office of a rural town to a less hectic duty in a city royal mail distribution centre, I gradually left behind years of dependency on drugs and recovered a lot of mental strength. One psychiatrist had told me that remaining on medication for the rest of my life was not essential. Coming off drugs, when God guided me to do so, became the first step leading up to becoming delivered and healed of schizophrenia. Longings to be free after about 23 years of mental bondage were constantly filling my heart.

It was a further two years and four months since abandoning all medication before the Lord Jesus Christ empowered me on May Day, 1990 to deliver myself and use His authority in my life to command the evil spirits of schizophrenia to leave my life for good. I owe so much to Christians who knew what I was passing through for the strength and power of their prayers. But let me tell you, when I saw by faith that Jesus Christ had conquered schizophrenia and every other evil through His death and resurrection on the Cross at Calvary over 2000 years ago, I was not satisfied until the evil had been exorcised from my life for good.

If you are struggling with schizophrenia and face life with all the mental torment it produces, please allow me to recommend the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, as the One who can set you free. Knowing Him means knowing the Truth for He alone is the Way, The Truth and the Life. When His Spirit abides in you through accepting Him as Lord and Saviour, “He will guide you into all truth.” John 16 verse 13. Jesus will give you through the Holy Spirit a clear understanding of the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia, what it is, who is behind it and what you need to do to become free and get back the life you have had stolen from you.

We list below FOR FURTHER READING from our Archive File, three past Weekly Encouragers which centre on this important issue of defeating the voices behind Schizophrenia. What they each contain are statements of truth about the Lord Jesus Christ and His unique ability to set free any person with schizophrenia who owns Him as both Lord and Saviour. There’s no-one else in the whole wide world who can speak with authority like the Lord Jesus Christ. He has defeated all the powers of darkness and longs to be seen working in our lives bringing the great freedom He so dearly purchased on the Cross for us. HE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN!

FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File

2016 3 July - Defeat Schizophrenia By Defeating The Voices

2015 7 June - Boldly Pleading The Blood Of Jesus Christ Hastens Your Schizophrenia Deliverance

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 16 JULY:

From Only One Position Is It Safe To Approach And Resist Satan

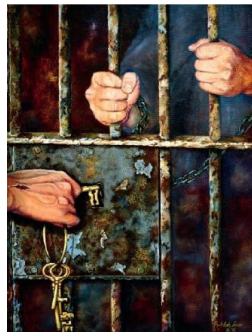
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus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

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." John 12: 35-36

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8: 26-27

When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Luke 8: 35-36

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

