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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ

TAKING ON THE LIGHT YOKE OF JESUS HELPS DEFEAT THE BURDEN OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 11: Key Verses 25-29: Rest for the Weary – At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No-one knows the Son except the Father, and no-one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



The longing of every born-again Christian suffering with schizophrenia is to know the heart-rest won by Jesus Christ through His death on the Cross.

You will know what I mean if you enjoyed such a blessing of freedom before the advent of the psychotic illness on your life.

Like myself, you may have lived years growing in the knowledge and love of God. Then, moving into your late teens or early adulthood, all hell was suddenly unleashed into your life!! You were thrown into turmoil and utter confusion, made worse by a feeling of torment.

The peace of God that used to reign both in your heart and mind, certainly became threatened. Since the advent of schizophrenia, you soon came to discover an assault on the fellowship you were enjoying and developing with Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Nothing less than a strange foe now challenges and disturbs the peace of God both in heart and mind!! You suddenly feel harassed with unpleasant, accusing voices intent on stealing, killing and destroying you (see the words of Jesus in John 10:10).

You were enjoying growing in grace and had discovered the preciousness of the abiding presence of God and of hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit's ministry in your life. But now you hear a completely strange voice in your mind.

If evidence were needed concerning the demonic presence behind schizophrenia then here it is. Why are so many Christians unable to see it!! Whose strange voice is it that is now being heard in the mind of a Christian believer? It is not the voice of self, and most certainly not the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is the voice of a demonic intruder with a personality of its own now interfering in your life.

I can think of no other greater tormenting confusion to hit a human life than this. Physical and other mental suffering in various forms and degrees does not, in my mind, come near to what a person goes through when such a devastating event shipwrecks one's life.

If, as a parent, relation or friend you are reading this and have someone in whom a total regressive change has taken place in their life, you will not be able to understand the depth of bondage which has caused it without insight from the Holy Spirit.

People who are in a caring situation without knowledge of Jesus and the ways of the Spirit may regret that a loved one's life has been suddenly blitzed for the worst, but they need the spiritual understanding of what is going on to cause such a downward drift through suffering a hidden mental bondage.

A person with the Holy Spirit, however, has access to the ways of God and revelation of the Spirit of God and cannot sit back and readily accept this Satanic-induced occupation and control upon their loved one. It has got to be challenged and driven out, while at the same time loving and care for the person in question.

Everything must be done to bring about deliverance and healing to a Christian whose very existence is challenged by the invading spirit of schizophrenia now holding sway in a life once committed to Christ.

It is most important that the Church of Jesus Christ comes to the rescue of such a person now in a mental prison – for the offers of helping-hands are often few and far between, sometimes non-existent.

It could be long years – as it was in my own life – before Christians moved on by the Spirit of God arrive on the scene and begin to act in the authority of Jesus in bringing a Christian like yourself out of bondage into freedom. Of course, there has got to be your co-operation given to them. To have helpers committed to see you through to the day of deliverance, is the ideal to pray and hope for.

Sad point in reality is that a born-again schizophrenic normally has to wait too long before his or her great day of freedom arrives. The power of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, has been shed abroad into the lives of members of the church of Jesus Christ to do exploits in His Name – one of which is freeing the captives from such intrusion into lives by demon spirits.

The predicament exists that until the prayer-troops arrive there is great difficulty for a Christian to make sense of what he or she is going through, and how do they find some comfort of rest in their mind and spirit.

It is only through having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Trouble is that with being on medication, the faith you need has to be continued in the presence of heavy feelings of passivity, inactivity and indolence – not the seedbed where living active faith in Jesus grows. Often you only have a thin thread of faith in Jesus in existence, while at other times you wonder if you have any faith at all!!

I just want to encourage you to hold on to Jesus in all that you are passing through. You cannot do without Him for He alone is the pathway to spiritual freedom. His Hand is over You, His love – as always – strong to see that you don't fail but bring you through it all.

Living with schizophrenia, until your freedom comes, is a burden and weight. The mental suffering you are gallantly seeking to conquer is heavy to carry. There are periods of rest in Jesus along the way to freedom and the way to obtain them is not easy BUT YOU MUST SEEK THE HELP OF JESUS AT ALL COSTS. Live in the promises of God!! Declare the ownership of Jesus over your life!! Pray without ceasing as the Spirit of God helps you!!

Through listening to a CD of Christian worship or reading the Word of God, you will find encouragement to go on!! Set about creating room to have some praise and worship before the Lord. Such action will bring the presence of Jesus into your life. I found that to be a great resting place over and over again in the days leading up to being set free by Jesus. Run to the refuge of

God in faith and worship, with your Bible in hand. You must recognise the presence of God drawing near to you to relieve you of the burden of what you are carrying.

You may sense, as I did over the years, that the freedom you have in Jesus can diminish at times. You can feel sometimes that even the rest you enjoy is in danger of being taken from you. You must do everything in your power not to lose your hold on Christ and keep faith alive. What you are passing through and involved in is real spiritual warfare – not some kind of rehearsal to meet it!!

It is now vitally important to turn in faith to your Saviour and regain His control in your heart from where you direct your life. The voices assailing your mind have got to be challenged and defeated and the only way of driving them out is through the power of Jesus Christ.

It is a lonely wilderness struggle this business of fighting to keep your sanity and life. When you take to heart the words of Jesus such as: "He that follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life" you know such a promise is for you. Because you know the words of Jesus are true, you have hope that the freedom of which they speak will become true for you one day – and therefore you will not give up!! Fight on to obtain it with all the strength of Jesus at your disposal. You will live to see the day when you enjoy it - be fully assured!!

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2011: 10 July – *Persevere In Faith And Prayer When The Load of Schizophrenia Wears You*

2010: 24 January – *Never Ever, No Never, Be Convinced By Voices It Is Time To Quit*

A PRAYER OF HOPE: "Dear Loving Heavenly Father, as I continue to remember the celebration of the death and resurrection of your dear Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ will you come and make His sacrifice so 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. Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sins and my sorrows and for making them your very own. By the power of your shed blood, I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of your grace and power which enables me to live for you. I am looking forward to the day – why not today, O Lord? – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You my Lord to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light of your conquering Resurrection Presence. I want to know the reality of your promise that whoever follows you shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.



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, too, can also be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD’S PROTECTION

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 learn and commit to memory 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 said): “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!” Matthew 6: 22-23

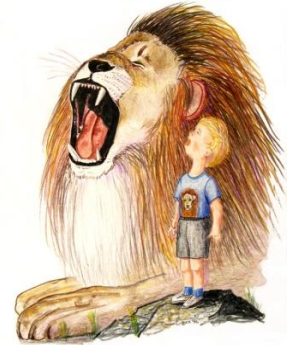
A wise man is mightier than a strong man and a man of knowledge than he who has strength; for by wise guidance you can wage your war and in the abundance of counselors there is victory Proverbs 24: 5-6 (Revised Standard Version)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 4-7

The Weekly Encourager

11 September: Assert The Ownership Of Jesus Over Your Life To Every Demonic Voice
18 September: Keeping Faith When You Do Not Feel The Presence of God

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