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(from James Stacey: scriptural advice and insight on how to be set free from schizophrenia)

## **LET THE POWER OF THE CROSS WHERE JESUS DIED GRIP YOU AS YOU READ THE BIBLE**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS HEBREWS CHAPTER 2: Selected verses: 9-11 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 14-18: Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he has tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.**

The defeat of the mental bondage of schizophrenia in a born-again Christian is fully realised when the greater power of the Lord Jesus Christ triumphs over the insidious presence of evil.

You can reach a place of lasting freedom through the once-for-all intervention of God in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago on the stage of human history in Jerusalem.

The complete victory over every power of darkness was eternally transacted when Jesus made an open show of the powers of darkness and conquered their last enemy of death itself. Satan's embroiled bondage of schizophrenia around the human mind and life also suffered a death-blow, too. Hallelujah!!

Do all you can to enlist the petitions of other Christians to pray for your faith to increase so markedly that it brings the power of God obtained for you through the death and resurrection of Jesus into your life. Seek for yourself as a major priority the divine quickening through faith of the victorious abiding power of the Holy Spirit whose voice can steer you out of the maze of schizophrenia and put its power under your feet.

The realisation in me of what could be accomplished through constant faith in the power of God took some time to dawn on my life. For many years, I struggled to keep alive. God saw a prayer warrior in the making, but I was a limping soldier for far too long that I care to remember. I had all on to continue an existence with a full day-time job that just about contained as much trust in Jesus to see that I was not overcome by Satan and his cohorts. Medication hindered faith in Jesus but by no means destroyed it.

During the times when there were serious assaults on my life to destroy me, it was necessary to rise up, pray and fast and show some prolonged resistance. The kind of faith strong enough to draw down the resurrection power of Jesus was urgently needed at times. Faith in Jesus began to grow as others prayed for me and I was given the long-awaited guidance to come off all medication – actually 23 years this month. Whenever I drew near to God, he drew near to me; whenever faith was stirred with God's help, a divine quickening was always established.

During the days when Tina, her father Maurice and step-mother Esther and others began to pray for me marked the first signs of breakthrough. I always seek to give due place to all those prayers which quickened me. All the honour and power goes to the Lord Jesus Christ who could put such a concern in the lives of a small army of intercessors wanting to set me free. What a difference there can always be when Christians instead of talking about the power of prayer, really get down to prove the power of prayer.

I attribute answers to prayers that brought about a life-changing decision in me to really want to be free of schizophrenia. When I walked into the toilets at work and said to the Lord Jesus: "I am going to come here in my tea breaks and dinner breaks until you break this power which is over my life," I feel pretty sure the prayers of others were being answered.

The resolve to carry through that decision was maintained by the continuing prayers from my wonderful "small army" of intercessors, plus the prayers I was now making. As the days went by, the vials in heaven were being filled for the defeat of schizophrenia not only by their prayers, but by myself as my prayer-life took on a more powerful dimension.

If I am having difficulty in getting over what I want to say, it is this. Do all you can to get others praying for you. Anyone reading this who is concerned about a loved one held in the bondage of schizophrenia, or a pastor who struggles to find a way out of the complex mental bondage in a member of his church congregation – then, you must pray and pray at such a deep level until there is a breakthrough.

I remember meeting a pastor from abroad at a conference who admitted he had no interest in facing up to the challenge of mental illness until the life of a best friend was blitzed by schizophrenia. It caused him to seek God for an answer and the needed breakthrough. So earnest did he become in prayer-campaigning before God for his friend, that it changed forever his compassion, insight and understanding of both mental bondages and unresolved issues in the lives of Christians.

Jesus has poured out the gift of his Holy Spirit in power (see Acts: 1 verse 8). Your part is to believe that your small, human vessel can be a dwelling place for such a Divine visitor. God "will fill your life TODAY to overflowing" if you seek him with all your heart and believe the promises found in His Word.

Nothing is impossible with God. Jesus said "Everything is possible for him who believes." (Mark 9:23) Even the defeat, yes, the sure and certain once-for-all defeat of schizophrenia!!

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IF YOU WISH TO INVITE JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER:  
"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.

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### **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

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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.

He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. Isaiah 49: 2

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." John 10: 7-10

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Revelation 12: 10-11

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### The Weekly Encourager

**13 February: Praising God and Declaring His Victory Will Cause the Demon of Schizophrenia to Leave Your Life**

**20 February: God Can Set You Free of Schizophrenia and Restore All the Years Spent in a Mental Prison**

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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-versed and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no one else can conquer. Our website [www.schizophreniadefeated.com](http://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*