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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

IN THE BIBLE, HOPE IS NOT WISHFUL THINKING BUT FIRM CONVICTION

This week's selected bible readings:

1. "Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." Psalm 119 verses 49-50

2. "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said: If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free ... He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." John 8 Verses 31-32, & 47.



Have you ever thought how powerful is the presence of hope in the human spirit when filled with God, the Holy Spirit? People without schizophrenia face hopeless situations and wonder how to carry on. But if you are living with this psychotic bondage and are desirous of breaking through into the freedom which Jesus can impart, you will certainly see the need to keep a real glimmer of hope alive in your life.

How do you do that? There's no better proven way of keeping hope alive than anchoring it in the word of God, the Bible. By that I mean meditating and memorising the promises found in its richly, hopefilled pages. The demonic voices that sometimes assail your mind with outlandish suggestions aimed at harming or even destroying your life can be held at bay, and even defeated, through the power and strength of words of hope found in holy scripture.

I am so thankful that at the beginning of my 26-year struggle, I discovered the daily treasure of reading, meditating and using as prayer ammunition the words found in the Bible. My heart contained no other hope but the hope in God I found as his word buttressed my spirit and gave strength to carry on. I started every day with a time of meeting God and searching the Bible for spiritual food and help.

One day, when I was held in an uncomfortable bondage by demonic voices, it was to the word of God I went for hope, comfort and deliverance. Quoting from Schizophrenia Defeated, Chapter 4: "I went straight upstairs into the bedroom in our home and began seeking God for help in every conceivable way I could think of, in an attempt to get free. I thumbed through the Scriptures anxious for inspiration to pray. I called out to God for help to get rid of this foe within which seemed unshakable! It must have been a struggle lasting two hours, during which time I heard the demon suicide clearly whisper: "Why don't you go and throw yourself in the Dearne? It'll soon be over."

"The River Dearne was a small distance away and I had a picture in my mind of a certain spot as the demon spoke. I fought on, mustering all the spiritual strength and opposition I could from God's word by repeating Scriptures rapidly as the battle intensified to take my mind. Then, suddenly, it occurred to me to begin speaking in tongues and fight the evil spirits with this unknown strategy demons are unable to understand and cope with. I had received this gift of speaking with other tongues at the Assemblies of God Conference a few months earlier."

Recounting the incident, I am reminded that it was there in life's pattern of intimate communion of prayer - now contending against evil spiritual forces - that hope was given, kept alive and nurtured. The

promise of hope anchored in my spirit fixed itself on the words of Jesus: "I will never leave you or forsake you" – even in the heat of a battle for survival itself.

Commenting on the scripture found in Hebrews 6:19 "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil," a well-known American devotional writer says: "Any sailor or fisherman knows the importance of being sure the anchor is securely tied to the anchor rope or chain. The same is true for the anchor of hope. Prayer is more than throwing out the anchor. It's being held to the Presence. We can ride out any storm knowing that our anchor is sure." Yes, indeed, prayer made in the Presence does give real hope to come through the storm.

You will have noticed as you access this website the words "promised hope through Jesus Christ" underneath Schizophrenia Defeated. I was impressed one day to insert the adjective "promised" in front of the word hope because every one of God's promises found in the Bible are true. He is well able to fulfil every promise contained in scripture. What a supply of hope is there for you right now – no matter what you are passing through. Reach out in faith built on God's word and you will find hope released into your conquering spirit.

*Jesus is King and I will extol Him,
Give Him the glory and honour His name.
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,
Word of the Father, exalted for us.*

*We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name,
Laying our lives with gladness before Him;
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King.*

*We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne.
We have a Priest who is there interceding,
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.*

*O holy One, our hearts do adore You;
Thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise.
Angels in light with worship surround Him,
Jesus, our Saviour, for ever the same.*

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 set free and I am now 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 bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. Yes, all the darkness driven away by the light of your Resurrection Presence. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, I pray, 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.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6 verse 4

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1: 20-23

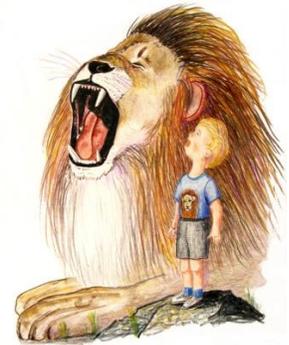
Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11: 25-26

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14 August: Do All You Can To See The Face Of Jesus As You Struggle Through To Reach Freedom

21 August: The Benefits Of Meeting God First Thing In the Morning Will Equip You To Obtain Free From Schizophrenia

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