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

HOW TO DEFEAT THE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA IN YOUR MIND BY KNOWING AND USING THE WORD OF GOD

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 4: Key verses 1-11: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The most wonderful realization about defeating schizophrenia is knowing that life has been returned and "is mine to live." When you overcome a demonic stronghold in the might of the power of Jesus Christ you rejoice in what is no small deliverance to recapture a precious freedom too long denied.

Why so many Christians are slow to discern that the grip of mental bondage in the lives of fellow believers like yourself is from Satan's dark kingdom is a deficiency which needs rectifying through being open to fresh revelation from the Holy Spirit.

You have no doubts, and know only too well, who is the author of the hellish bondage that dogs your life. Immensely sad that those around you who are "asleep in the light" don't know it too!!

Grab hold of the lifeline of hope in Jesus through believing God's word found only in the Bible!! Make sure, too, that those around you desiring you find freedom from schizophrenia are praying "into you" the light and truth of the promises of God found within its pages.

I want to draw your attention this week, and in the following two weeks at least, to the uniqueness and power of God's word and the place it must have in your life as a mighty weapon to take hold of in your fight to drive out the demon of schizophrenia.

To defeat schizophrenia is a battle-and-a-half when you are found in a growing world of passivity through taking medication. Only knowing God's firmly-established truths in your life will give you the spiritual stamina to pray and fight on to freedom.

Schizophrenia is well and truly defeated when the spiritual darkness gripping your mind is driven out. By faithfully and constantly using God's word found in the Bible you and the Holy Spirit can unseat any demonic force who resides in you.

Declare who owns your life!! Plead the precious blood of Jesus Christ and resist with all your might the intruding force you have discovered within. Refuse the lies from the voices of demonic spirits who contest the ownership of your own life!! Use your God-given authority from Jesus against them as you stand firm in His righteousness. Fight on in faith to command that the strong bars of iron and gates of brass around your mind yield to the power of Jesus Christ. Your wrestling in prayer against spiritual forces is not in vain. Your day of liberation will come!! It will be a great freedom-event of self-realization.

No matter how difficult it is for you to read and memorise the Word of God, exert whatever it takes. Never minimise the power residing in God's word. It is a lifeline of hope and often a sure anchor of

survival in life itself. The devil will seek to add more dark spiritual weights on your mine, but he can be kept at bay and conquered by remembering and declaring the word of God against him.

Jesus stressed the value of having his words in our lives. "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15: 7-8. Remember, His words are spirit and life. Consider, they are words from God himself. How important, therefore, to know what Jesus said, and to use his words as spiritual ammunition.

Supposing on a day of spiritual attack from Satan you are acutely aware of the need to have spiritual strength in order to resist. The word of God in your heart and mind is on hand to support and hold you up. If you call to remembrance such a word as, "I will never leave you or forsake you," you latch on to this word knowing so much depends on it. The opposition could be so strong that you almost feel overcome!! Urgent action is needed, so speak out the words of Jesus and use them to RESIST the attack on your life. Use all kinds of prayer to bind in the Name of Jesus the devil's attack. Call upon every scripture hidden within your heart to drive away the dark spiritual forces and you WILL PREVAIL.

FINAL THOUGHT: The Lord Jesus Christ promised that whoever follows him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (John 8: 12). The light of God's life enters you through the power of the Holy Spirit, his living Presence, at the moment you receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Following that great event, the preciousness of the living Word of God found in the Bible is meant to "have an entrance" in your heart and mind so bringing a continual source of His light. Filled with the light of God inside your life, and fuelled by prayer, can so quicken you to oppose the darkness of schizophrenia and also defeat it – for good. Press on in faith with Jesus to your freedom day!!

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.

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): "... I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16: 23-24

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." John 6:53-56

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8: 12

The Weekly Encourager

16 January: Let the Word of God Dwell in You in All Wisdom and You Will Defeat Schizophrenia

23 January: Praying the Word of God into Your Schizophrenia Condition will Dynamite the Demon Out of Your Life

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

JOY bell in 2011 – see next page

JOY bell

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3 :20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?

'The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
The LORD turn His face toward you
And give you peace...
Numbers 6:24-26