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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 33 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

FINDING GOD AS YOUR REFUGE AND FORTRESS EQUIPS YOU TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS

PSALM 91: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent." "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call me upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."



It comes as a wonderful declaration that God is well able "to teach and instruct us" concerning how to defeat schizophrenia as the Holy Spirit sheds the light of His truth on such an evil bondage. Freedom will return to the believer in Jesus Christ wherever there is a willingness and strong desire to welcome at all costs such a transforming ministry from God Himself powerful enough to break strong bars of iron and gates of brass incapacitating life itself.

Consider how much you need to experience the mightiness of the Lord Himself dwelling within you! Through getting to know Him more as you read the life-giving Scriptures and pray in faith for His help and strength, your confidence will increase concerning "the refuge and fortress" you have found. The time will dawn in your life when you know you are not on your own in this mental battle and how precious God wants to become to set you free.

Let me underline the point again that if you have fellow Christians supporting you in prayer, then your position of faith in God will be tremendously helped as He becomes more of a strong refuge wherein to hide, but also a fortress where you are becoming more equipped and prepared to move towards the time when the bondage of schizophrenia can be defeated.

A word of encouragement to those who are persisting in the fight to become free of schizophrenia to discover more and more "the refuge and fortress" available in the Lord Jesus

Christ. Remember that the illness/bondage is spiritually evil and as such only the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is qualified as the Son of God to deal with and defeat the powers of darkness over which Satan reigns. The benefit of knowing Jesus Christ as your refuge and fortress is that He is sufficient for you to hide in Him when necessary but He can build you up through "teaching and instructing" you in His truth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Never lose heart as you live by faith in the Son of God and seek to move to a position of trust and strength in which He can display His power through you. When you see who you are in Jesus and consider all He has gone through in order that you might be free, you are not slow to embrace by faith His power, confident that your time of schizophrenia bondage must come to an end. Be prepared for the Holy Spirit to teach and instruct you in the way you should go. Each victory will help you some other to win, so remember that!

When the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and teaching you, the result is that He is establishing you in truth and this also directs you to have greater confidence in Him. The Scripture says that the Lord shall be thy confidence and thy exceeding great reward. In using the power of the Name of Jesus in any act of deliverance, you will learn to challenge evil spirits stating that Jesus Christ died for you and you now belong to him. Satan and his powers now have no legal right over you because he lost it when Jesus died on the Cross for you. "My life now belongs to Jesus Christ who owns it completely and you have no power over me" is a declaration that is powerfully effectual when made to the powers of darkness!

Let us meditate on the first part of our wonderful theme: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

1. PLEASE CONSIDER - HOW AMAZINGLY SUFFICIENT IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES ALL THE REFUGE YOU NEED. Looking back over so much trial and tempest covering 26 years of battling schizophrenia, I stand truly amazed at all my precious Saviour has brought me through. "His love has no limit, His grace no measure and His power knows no boundary known unto men, For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth and giveth and giveth again." Every person suffering schizophrenia ought to know and prove the reality of trusting in God, their sure and certain refuge and fortress.

There is no other person who can protect you as adequately as God Himself. Battered by demons attacking the mind and bringing a deep mental disturbance hitting the whole personality, I cannot think of a worse prison sentence to descend upon a member of God's human race. One person in every hundred in every nation are said to be affected. Trying to live a limited, joyless way of life hampered by evil voices taking up residence within is extremely hard and constantly challenging. Thoughts of wanting to be perfectly set free and return to what you once enjoyed are difficult to hold on to in the days, months and even years of coming under such strong Satanic bondage. You are grateful for a semblance of peace in your mind even though it comes through taking constant drug medication.

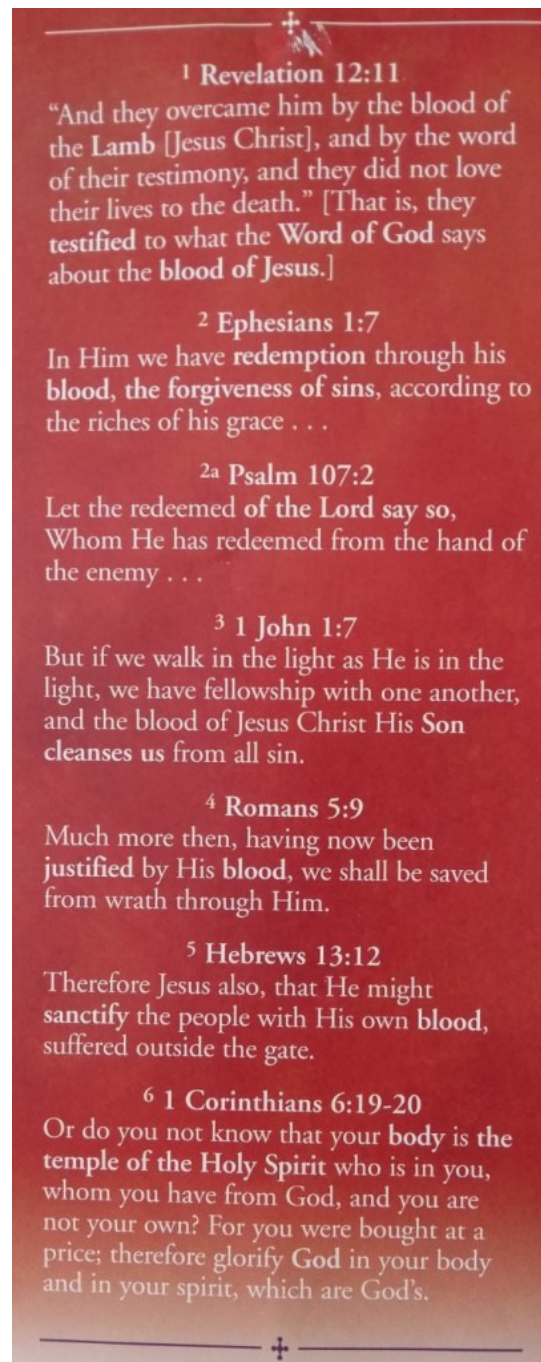
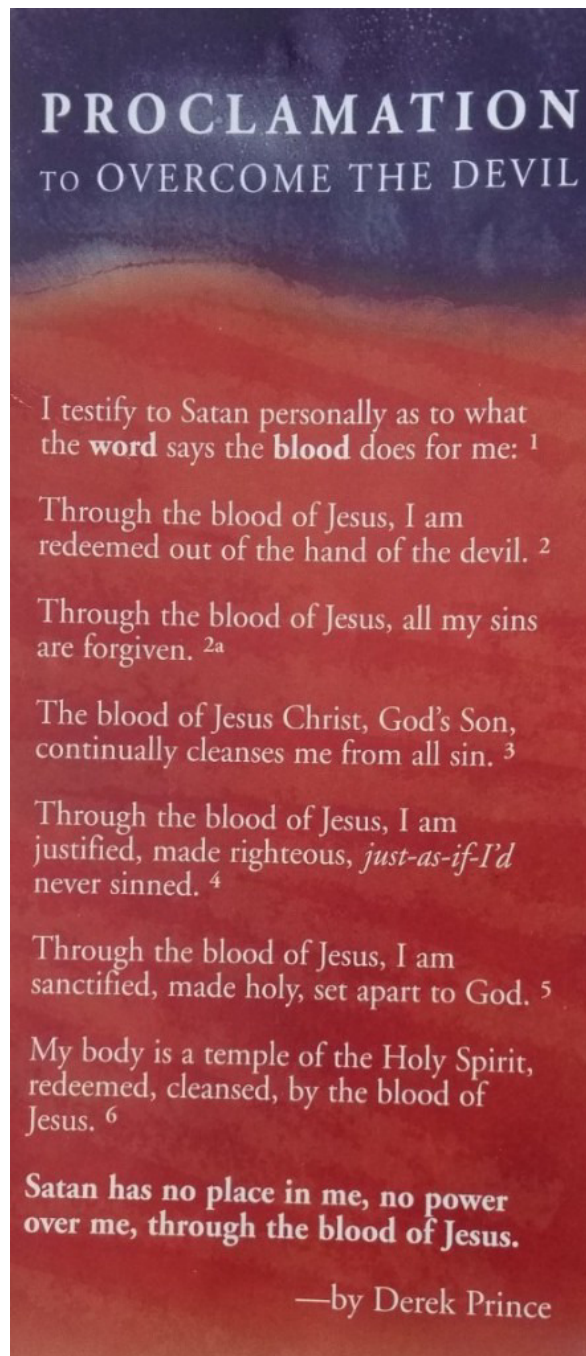
You may have suffered with schizophrenia for several years but have been grateful that you maintained a level of faith in your Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, while wondering if you will ever be fully free. Through all the ups and downs over the years, you have proved God and "learned to trust in Jesus and learned to trust in God." You know beyond any doubt that on many occasions you have "rested under the shadow of the Almighty." Satan may have harassed and thwarted you but you came through all those trials because your life belongs to Jesus Christ. You are His, bought through the precious blood of God's Son on the Cross at Calvary more than 2,000 years ago. His love for you will always remain. God has put His seal on your life signifying that you belong to Him. Satan has been defeated. God will keep you safe during life and is committed to do much, much more than we are capable of realising.

2. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW TREMENDOUSLY STRONG IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES ALL THE REFUGE YOU NEED. Satan seeks to interrupt our lives and wants to cause such

devastation. His aim is to destroy us. But our God is well able to defeat all his work and restore, renew, reinvigorate and re-establish us in His wonderful image. You may be aware even right now of how the Lord has been working in your life and restoring your freedom in Him. Through the Holy Spirit living within you, it is pretty apparent that something wonderful is now taking place in your life. He is drawing close to you and imparting to you a deeper intimacy with Himself and at the same time is enlarging your freedom. We received an email this week from a regular reader of the Weekly Encourager who said: "I greatly enjoy the Weekly Encourager. The LORD recently broke demonic chains in my soul, making me feel a whole lot lighter and free of delusional thinking. Freedom is thus worth the wait to obtain, and I think this ministry makes that clear. God bless!"

Knowing the strength of the LORD in your life is such a wonderful delight and joy. For over 31 years, I have been enjoying real fellowship with the Lord Jesus after the defeat of 26 years of bondage. All striving is over. As the bible says, "There is a rest to the people of God." I trust that you too may know the victory of Christ in your life overpowering every spirit that holds you in bondage. It was for freedom that Christ died to set us free and He has the power to make that happen in our individual lives no matter how messed up they have been. All praise to Jesus for loving us and keeping us His love. He can do for us far more than we can ask or think. Reach out in faith and prove Him today.

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.



FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2020 6 September – The Day Schizophrenia Erupted I Fled To The Lord Jesus Christ

2019 28 April – It Is Ignorance And Fear About The Demonic That Delays Your Freedom From Schizophrenia

2018 6 May – “That Chair – The Happening Place” by guest writer Peter Laue

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 8 AUGUST

TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL YOUR HEART WILL KEEP YOUR SANITY AND WIN FREEDOM OVER SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 9 Verses 18-33

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you", and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no-one knows about this". But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

There are many precious lessons taught by the Holy Spirit I seek to pass on to Christian schizophrenics – among the most important of which is learning how to trust in Jesus Christ.

It would help and assist you in your battle against the evil invading the mind, if you ask God to deposit faith into your heart that will make you strong to both survive and triumph.

I am so grateful that God instructed me in the importance of having faith in Jesus Christ. Learning that FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD, FAITH RESTS IN THE POWER OF GOD & FAITH TRIUMPHS IN THE VICTORY OF GOD provided a strong resistance against the demonic spirit of schizophrenia.

Graduate in Christ's school of faith by learning these vital truths and you will survive the onslaughts of schizophrenia, as well as triumph over the bondage in the power of God!

Jesus Himself set such great store on having faith. In Matthew 21:21 it says: *Jesus replied: "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig-tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

Jesus expects to see us living our lives with a vital, conscious faith in Him. He is often restricted and prevented from moving in the area of deliverance and healing through lack of faith. Can

you see the importance of having active faith in Jesus? He commended those having faith who came to be healed when He was on earth. He still looks for the presence of precious faith in OUR lives.

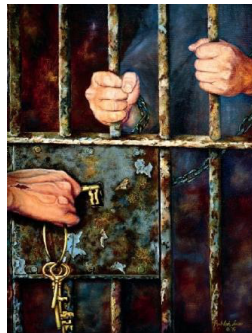
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus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

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 JESUS CHRIST 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 CHRIST.

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." John 8:31-32

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things... You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. Isaiah 25: 1&4

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14

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.schizophreniadeffeated.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

