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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 29th YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OVER 30 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

PRAYER POWER BREAKING THROUGH SCHIZOPHRENIA'S "GATES OF BRASS AND BARS OF IRON"

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ACTS CHAPTER 12: Key Verses 4-19:

Peter's Miraculous Escape From Prison: After arresting him, he (Herod) put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up, "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognised Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place. In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.



Read the above Scripture passage with faith in your heart and the words will have power to infuse hope into your life that schizophrenia can most certainly be defeated.

Peter's deliverance from prison, or any other well-known Bible incident showing divine intervention in impossible situations, imparts a holy confidence that with "God all things are possible".

Just think of it for a moment – God shut up the mouths of the lions when Daniel was in the den with them (Daniel 6); Jesus Christ healed "all that came to Him" (Luke 6: 17-19) - and He said "all

things are possible to him that believes" (Mark 9:23). Surely, that is enough to inspire confidence that there is way out of schizophrenia!

I take great delight in believing that God has always known what is best for my life. To have suffered in schizophrenia's isolation and bondage for 26 years may be considered by some to be too long a period to endure to wait for God to turn up to do something. Nevertheless, I believe that I came out and was delivered and healed just at the time God wanted it to happen. God is always on time, never early and never late! He knows what is best for your life, too.

I still believe the Scripture that was entrusted to me on the night I received Jesus as Lord and Saviour at the age of 14, namely that "ALL (not some) things work together for good to them that love God who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

How God protected with His faithfulness and love for more than a third of a lifetime, and then smashed the gates of brass and the bars of iron around my mind. Achieving freedom for me was no less a miracle as wonderful as Peter walking out of prison! I believe His purpose in allowing me to endure such a long prison sentence of schizophrenia was to impart "His treasures in darkness and to show forth His glory." After all, you can only help others with schizophrenia, and give them hope, if you have lived on the "inside" and come through it all with Jesus!

When emails come through from schizophrenics seeking a lifeline of hope for themselves, I can fully understand why that happens. Many times during 26 years of fighting the demonic bondage, I longed to meet or hear of someone who had been set free by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is understandable that someone with schizophrenia should approach me for support and hope, or anyone else, for that matter, who lives in the joy of having defeated the horrendous mental bondage by the victory and power of the Son of God. Schizophrenics are keen to receive any piece of comfort, guidance and prayer leading to complete freedom. They covet and earnestly seek to be on the same side of freedom, too! To be able to commend the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Deliverer and Healer gives me great joy and deep satisfaction! Perhaps the greatest encouragement I can pass on is that although the struggle and fight to become free is often long and without any seemingly clear signs of progress – the will to endure and persevere must be carried through.

Have you really faced up to the question of how you are going to defeat schizophrenia and see total freedom restored to your life?

Make no mistake - it is only through the direct intervention of Jesus Christ in your life that the mental chains surrounding your mind will be broken.

Not everyone is fully convinced that the powerful hold over the mind and life has its roots in a demonic bondage – and, to put it bluntly, such a declaration upsets some Christians, many psychiatrists and others alike. But the admission is the truth and must be asserted.

Had it not been for the direct intervention of the power of Jesus, I have no doubt that I would still be in a mental prison approaching nearly 50 years of disintegrating personality of life.

But the good news I have to declare is that God in His great love brought me into a saving knowledge of His Son Jesus Christ and conquered schizophrenia in my life and brought His real freedom to me. The stranglehold of a spiritual power over my mind was broken over 21 years ago – and I am so confident that such a breakthrough can be yours as well. I know what it is like to live with your thinking powers in bondage and reduced failing mental strength. Medication did not help either, as it produced a passivity and numbing of the mind which enabled a demonic presence to have a hey-day.

I feel that the description from the Bible of strong gates of brass and bars of iron is a fitting one for someone suffering with schizophrenia. (Read Isaiah 45 verse 2). Many who write in to us

complain that their mind is no longer their own particularly since there are now strange voices in their head which were not present before. A vice-like bondage in the mind is now upon them.

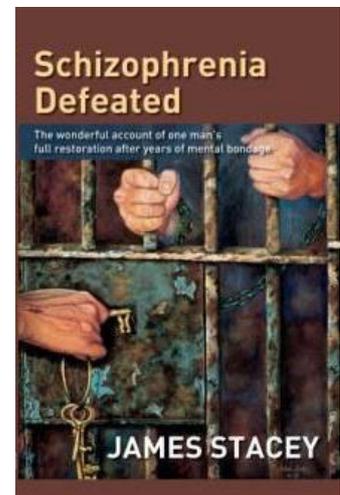
There is only one spiritual power available that is stronger than Satan or any demonic presence and it is the Resurrection Power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, only the power of God can laser His Way through such a stronghold!

You may ask: "Can I possess the strong power of the Holy Spirit and see the gates of brass and bars of iron around my mind permanently demolished?" By faith in the Lord Jesus and living a life of prayer with His authority you most certainly can!

Think again about Peter's deliverance from prison and let it inspire your faith. Jesus loves you, died for you and makes available today all you need to fight the good fight of faith FOR HIS FREEDOM.

Pray for the release of God's power as you live the life of faith in Jesus and you will overcome - use that power and authority to burst out of the prison cell in His Name once and for all time.

READ BELOW CHAPTER 9 OF "SCHIZOPHRENIA DEFEATED" - DELIVERED AND HEALED IN MINUTES - AND BE ENCOURAGED THAT THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STILL HAS THE POWER TODAY IN 2019 TO DEFEAT THIS STRONG, EVIL POWER AND SET THE CAPTIVES FREE FOR GOOD!



Although I was unaware of it at the time, the final battle against the powers of darkness in my life had begun. Their desire to destroy me after 26 years of real occupation was now being certainly threatened. I began to feel a nagging pain around my right knee, so excruciating at times that I could barely walk. I discerned that the demons were located there.

It may seem strange that the cause of a mental bondage should be found so far away in the lower part of my body, but sure evidence to me of how long they had been in my life and how deeply they were entrenched. The story of the crippled woman healed on the Sabbath as recorded in Luke, Chapter 13 confirms the fact that evil spirits can be responsible for bodily pain.

The pain was present one night when I visited my father's memorial in the village cemetery in South Anston. Immediately I stepped into the graveyard, it was felt pain with such power as to resemble an ambulance siren being switched on.

Tina kept up the fight to free me by seeking help from her team of intercessors. She also contacted Bruce Hunt, involved in Christian counselling living in Worksop.

He was most helpful in discerning my problem and told her that my mind was like a dungeon with many compartments, each having its own shutter.

"The double vision signifies the real and unreal where there is an inability to work out and understand day to day living. Some of these compartments are shuttered from the bottom, and it's light against darkness and this is causing confusion," said Bruce.

A great step forward in destroying the powers of darkness encircling my mind came during a weekend of prayer and fasting in late March 1990, which Tina spent with Joan Clark. Over two days, they not only made great advances in securing answers for others, but God dealt with issues in their own lives resulting in bondages being broken.

She added that in the prayer time for me they took hold of the promise in Isaiah 45, verse 2b in which they asked God “to break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron” around my mind. Hope of securing a breakthrough in my life gripped them both, with Tina observing:

“When these are removed, then the Lord can show you step by step (and it will take some time) those areas where you will need deliverance. Present this before the Lord. Be assured of mine and Joan’s prayers. I want to assure you of my esteem and love and I will continue to stand in prayer for you. In fact I have committed myself to continue praying for you and I will be in contact; whatever you think or feel be assured that I’m carrying you frequently in prayer. You are lovely and one day you will fully flower, I believe. So do please keep in contact. How else can I pray intelligently for you? I don’t know what God’s ultimate plan is for us. The Lord knows. Praise Him.”

The extent to which more light was soon received from this prayer time, I believe, can be judged from my desire to write to the director of a ministry centre. On 9th April, 1990, I asked “for prayerful consideration to be given as an urgent case for personal ministry in healing, counselling and deliverance.” Tina had also written him detailing my problems.

The letter covering four pages of A4, took so much time and effort to write that I set aside a day’s annual leave from work to complete it. I thanked the director for the privilege of being at the Brighton Conference, and for the teaching and ministry received. I detailed the dealings of God with me since conversion at the age of fourteen, and stressed I knew I was not free. I desired a full release of freedom into my life.

Looking over my letter later, I realised that it contained one mistake. When God spoke to me in my bedroom in 1988 and said, “Enough is enough,” it was not a time of receiving healing and deliverance. But it was the time I felt guided to discontinue the medication, curtail spare-time journalism and working as a church deacon in order to make prayer my first priority. It was a promise of freedom to come. I stated in the letter the importance of the breakthrough which followed prayer-battling against satanic powers over four days.

I wrote: “I still feel (for want of a better word) a restriction on my freedom. Though the Lord has returned normalcy in many areas, I feel a lack of energy because there is a band around my mind. It does not prevent me from being productive or living and enjoying God, but it is a “a continuing infirmity.” I have goals to achieve for the Lord and I want this persistent thing out of the way. I feel that counselling and prayer and a word from the Lord will set me free and I shall be seen to be free as well as knowing it myself.

“I may have left important things out but briefly that is my reason for writing. The need to break free is so important to myself that I am willing to come up at a moment’s notice. The return to complete health in the mental realm is the only factor hindering Tina from committing herself in marriage, though our relationship has always been directed to the will of God. I eagerly look forward to your reply.”

The director soon wrote back to say that he would be able to fit me in for ministry towards the end of May. My hopes were raised on receiving his letter, though by the time I was to make the visit

God had worked for me in response to so much praying and calling out to Him by imparting deliverance and healing, both within a matter of minutes.

A week before deliverance and healing took place, I received a letter of encouragement from Tina while on what I called “the last lap of a long struggle.”

“Although you’re feeling tired and even bombarded in your mind at present, in a way it’s a good sign. The devil knows you are onto something great. However, it’s not God’s will for you to become sapped of energy and worn out even before going to Ellel. So we have to defeat satan’s tactics and strategy in trying to wear you out in order to stop you receiving ministry.

“Well James, you are on the winning side. Satan is a defeated foe and he has no right to harass you like this. During these last few days, I’ve felt quite oppressed and worn out but tonight I feel much better. I’m waging war and taking authority over the powers of darkness trying to destroy you. Do ring me anytime if you want to talk, to fill me in with what you are facing. O.K? I know you have to watch the phone bill.

“Don’t fast and pray on your own at present. Please don’t, no matter how tempted you are to do that. Of course, there is a time to fast and pray but not for you at the moment. If you feel an urgency or desperation to spend excessive time in prayer then just PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE (exerting your will in PRAISE) and you will find the agitation or whatever will pass. The devil hates PRAISE.

“Do enjoy life during your lunch times — go for a walk in the park, or eat a delicious meal or play dominoes! Do something you enjoy related to life. Even if you don’t feel like doing something related to life, nevertheless do it. Don’t let the devil lead you up any alleys, don’t let him, resist him particularly through PRAISING God. I think some bars will be broken through PERSISTENT PRAISE. Don’t let your feelings dictate to you at present what you should do. Exert your will. Here ends my sermon. If you can manage to write down each day a little of what you’re experiencing, this will help the folks at Ellel Grange to help you.”

The memorable day when I was set free was on a bright and sunny May Day Bank Holiday in 1990, the extra public bank holiday for workers to enjoy, but for me a day of joyous freedom through deliverance and healing. It was a day to be outdoors, so Tina and I headed for the Clent Hills, our favourite spot for a walk and chat.

During a leisurely stroll, Tina pointed out that my problem was one of schizophrenia. She said it in a matter-of-fact way, but no sooner had she spoken than the Holy Spirit said to me: “That’s right. That’s what it is.” I found myself totalling agreeing with her for the very first time.

It was as though light and truth from the Holy Spirit dawned on my mind and I could see myself as I really was. No more disagreement or opposition from me, but a simple acceptance of what she had said. Revelation had at long last penetrated my mind.

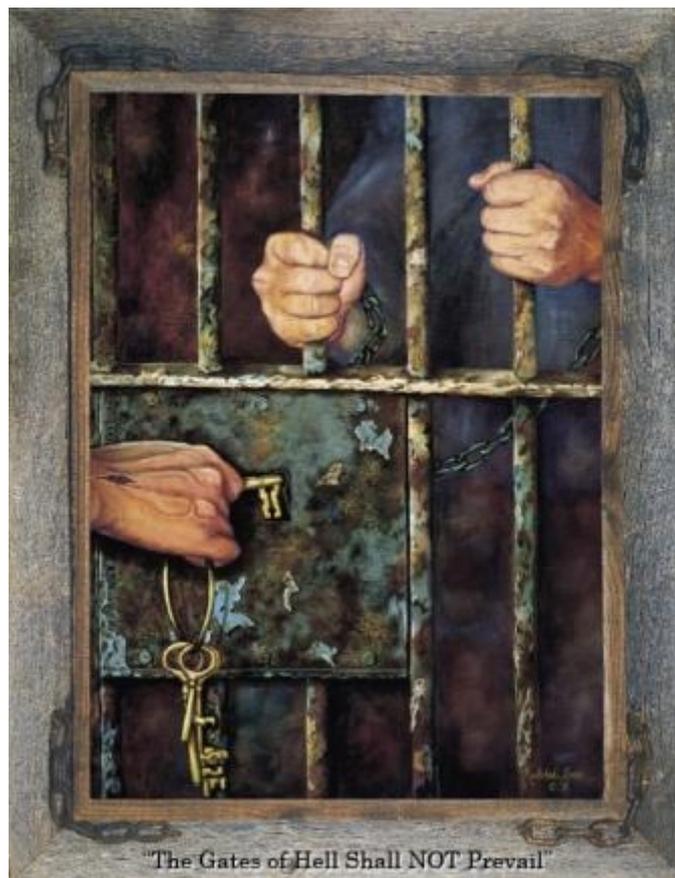
Arriving back at her home, I was moved to ask if we could pray together. It proved a mighty time of aggressive intercession during which the Lord moved into our praying and carried me heavenward with powerful pleadings. I told God I was so angry with the enemy of my life for having messed it up all these many years. It was earnest petitioning coupled with a desperate cry for help, to me so urgent and real that I told Tina in an aside to be quiet because I was really talking with God and getting through, and it was important to unburden my heart and share my need.

I came out of that prayer more powerful than when I went into it, but I also received an assurance from the Holy Spirit that the evil power was going to be cast out and by the end of the day I would be free.

I could see that Tina was looking tired, as she often had been in her loving, devoted help to me for so long. The thought of having more prayer was dropped and I decided it was time to leave for home at Chesterfield.

We kissed and said cheerio at New Street Station, Birmingham. I was itching to get my teeth into a book called "Pigs in the Parlour". I read of how evil spirits can, through lack of watchfulness or dabbling in the occult, be allowed to walk into our lives like as pigs coming into the best lounge in our homes and squatting down in all their filth without being moved on. I spent the time before boarding the train praying in the toilet, asking God for a quiet spot on the journey so that I could read undisturbed.

I found a single seat right up front in the first carriage next to the engine. As I read first of all the chapter on Schizophrenia, and then two more, faith and confidence began to rise in my heart. I really believed that God was not only able to rid me of this demonic presence but that he was going to show me how to do it single-handed.



"So if the Son sets you free, you shall be **free indeed**."
John 8 v 36

On reaching home, a joyous anticipation of being set free gripped my life. The fact that I had never before cast out evil spirits from my own life or anyone else's didn't seem to matter. I turned the

whole business over to God and said: "Lord, you'll have to help me because getting demons out is all new to me."

The way forward came when God replied in an instant. "Blast them out," was the inspiration that flashed across my mind.

The Lord had given His directions on how to proceed, so I turned the settee into the bay window to give me privacy. Because satan and demons loathe intensely hearing God being praised and worshipped, it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to me to declare in praise who was really on the throne of my life and who had the right to own all my life.

Addressing the evil presence in my life, I said: "I'll blast you out."

So, using a cassette of praise choruses put together at my church, Zion Assembly of God, I sat on the settee with my right leg resting on an upright chair minus my sock and shoe. I played triumphant praise as loudly as possible from the recorder into the area around my right knee where the feeling of cramp was still present. On the train journey home the nagging power it always produced seemed muffled during the reading of the book.

When the 20 minute tape reached the chorus, "Jesus at Your Name we bow the knee", I thought it had particular significance to my praying. So I leaned over and addressed the demon in my right leg, saying: "Do you hear that you demon of schizophrenia, bow the knee to Jesus!"

I then sat back waiting on the Lord until the rest of the tape ran out. I then turned the cassette off and with the Lord helping me, I challenged the demon's legal right to be in my life. I pleaded the blood of Christ and asserted the Lordship of Christ over my life telling the demons that they had no legal right to be occupying my life because Jesus Christ of Nazareth had died for me. I declared boldly that they had been pigs in the parlour of my life for far too long and now had to go. I commanded the demon of schizophrenia to leave my life and go to the dry and waterless place, and THEN IT HAPPENED!.

Glory to Jesus! There were two movements across the middle of my right leg followed by a third which was distinct from the other two, all going down my leg and out through my bare foot, providing a sensation of release. I knew without doubt that the evil forces had left my life. I believe the three movements represented a "nest of spirits" being exorcised, and they were demons of schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide.

I almost hit the ceiling with joy as I realised that God had won a deliverance in my life. Then I thought to ring Tina to tell her the good news. Walking to the phone in the corner of the room, the Holy Spirit checked me and I sat down on the settee. Placing my hands in three places over my head, I prayed: "Lord, believing that you have enabled me to cast out those demons in my life You heal what has been knotted up in my mind for all these years."

As I was still speaking, God unleashed laser-type healing power right through the centre of my head. It was just like the promise in Isaiah 66:24 "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear".

On this particular day, He responded with grease-lightning speed. I did not feel the impact of God's healing power at the sides of my head. The "rays" of power cut through the centre and I felt in a split—moment of time, power infusing the top of my head down to my forehead and right through to

the base of my neck. It was God hitting the bull's eye in the area where I needed His healing power.

I heard in years to come an explanation of the dramatic events that changed my life that evening. In a tape called "The Substance of Prayer" on the subject of unleashing the power of prayer, Dutch Sheets of Colorado Springs mentions that for some prayers to be answered there needs to be a sufficient amount of power released "to get the job done". The more difficult situation calls for persistent prayer and the accumulation of those prayers. God sometimes answers certain prayers immediately, but others need "more prayers from the saints of God" to fill up the golden bowls of incense out of which God sends the answer.

At a given moment, says Sheets, when the censer has been filled with enough prayers, God tells the angel to hurl the fire of the healing power of God to earth so providing the answer required. (Revelation 8 verses 3 to 8). The moment of breakthrough for me came that afternoon in prayer when God came into the praying and the censer reached its fullness imparting the assurance of freedom. But the sending of the fire to heal my mind, followed the deliverance from evil spirits.

Knowing I was now both delivered and healed, I raced to the phone to tell Tina the good news. Though she was tired, she fully entered into my rejoicing.

"Well, how did it happen?" she asked.

I then filled her in with the details.

"It's just wonderful. I am so thrilled for you, James. God has answered our prayers at last. Blessed be His Name."

I was disappointed that Tina was not with me to see the immediate effect of healing on my face, now aglow and full of joy. The band of tightness around my mind was no longer there. Instead of my face being under the influence of a mind paralysed through deep entrenchment by evil spirits, it was bursting with joy because of the inner release. I said to Tina: "I can't wait to get down to see you on Saturday. You will be meeting a new man. I tell you I look different."

I went to work the next morning in Sheffield feeling so very different, like a man having walked out of a prison house with his chains left inside the cell. The inner joy and strength enabled me to get on with my work a lot easier. There was no fear upon my life, because God had broken it in every form. I knew there was now power in my life through the fresh realisation of Jesus dying for me. The authority I possessed in Him caused me to walk ten feet high.

My longing to travel down to Halesowen to see Tina was with me throughout the whole working week. Every night I was on the phone to tell her how I was getting on.

"It's just wonderful. On getting home from work I don't feel tired. There's no need to go upstairs to rest or sleep like before. The healing has brought fresh strength into my life, and I'm living a new life."

The effects and benefits of deliverance and healing were both immediate and immense. Not only was my mind set free, but also my locked-up emotions and the straitjacket around my body dropped off. I felt no restrictions to begin such things like gardening where the thought of doing the work before was actually more tiring than the work itself. I no longer needed to employ someone to

dig over my garden, such a small area that it had become something of a joke with one or two friends that I needed to engage someone to do the work for me. But in the past, digging had proved a problem to me as I lacked the physical strength. It was far easier for me to ask a gardener to come and do the work while I wrote articles for the New Life newspaper and paid him for his time and effort from the earnings received.

Wonder of wonders, I actually became interested in DIY, and my productivity increased plus the zest for living. The enjoyment of natural life, of which I had been deprived for so long because of my condition, returned. The delusion concerning legitimate pleasures left. I felt able to sit out in the sun without a hat on and really enjoy the heat on my head, as I now did in my lunch break on the lawn near the bus shelter in Pond Street, Sheffield praising God and speaking in tongues.

The deliverance and freedom that Jesus had brought into my life was visible to all. My children saw a marked difference and got their real father back. Colleagues in the office observed a brighter countenance replacing a heaviness and tiredness around my eyes. It was a freedom and freshness hitherto not seen. Christian friends, too, noticed what God had done, though many didn't have the interest to ask how I had become set free, possibly because of a lack of understanding about the demonic influence on my life.

So eager was I to see Tina on the first Saturday morning that I made it down to the Chesterfield railway station and caught the first train. Waiting for the Birmingham connection at Derby Station, I went into a photo-booth at 06.30 to take four quick snaps as joyful evidence to me, and others, of the great difference in my face that healing had produced.

Meeting Tina at home, I wrapped her in my arms and was bubbling over with what God had done in my life.

"You certainly look so different. I can see that something has happened right away because your eyes seem full of light, not like before," she said.

Our being together from now on proved so much more relaxing, and we enjoyed "bathing" in the new life that God had brought me into. I wondered at one stage whether or not I should still go ahead and attend the ministry centre for counselling and healing consultation, now that I had been delivered, but I decided to keep the appointment, though not knowing what to expect.

By the time a few weeks had elapsed before going, I realised a little that there had been a 26-year gap in my life in which I had not developed naturally.

There were not only areas in my life to regain which demonic forces had taken to themselves, but I had to re-orientate myself into life again. I later discovered this was going to take quite a long time. I came to realise that although the demons had left, the thought-patterns they had established in my life needed totally breaking. So I continued praying, waiting on God, meditating, doing everything I had done prior to being set free in order to strengthen my life.

I still continued getting out at bed at 5 a.m., even the first morning after arriving at the ministry centre. I walked downstairs into the main entrance to get a cup of coffee and then questioned myself: "Why are you up so early?"

I then realised it was now time to take things more easily and enjoy my new freedom. So I went back to bed to enjoy more rest and the added delight that at eight o'clock the sun began shining on my face through the already opened window. It was a time of peace and wonderful relaxation.

The time of counselling over two days proved both helpful and interesting as the two counsellors sought to lead me into greater freedom. Although they accepted my testimony of healing and deliverance, they were aware from the contents of my letter how strongly the religious spirit had been. I co-operated fully with them in conversation and prayer knowing of their keenness to help me.

During the next eight months, I gradually began to get stronger and stronger. Now I was free, I began pressing Tina on the question of getting engaged, but time and time again she was not being hurried.

"I am aware that the Lord has done something wonderful in setting you free but please give me a little more time before we decide to go ahead," she said.

When I was absent from her, Tina was doing a lot of praying and seeking the mind of the Lord whether to commit herself in marriage. I was anxious for us to get engaged and name the big day, but in a way I am pleased she took things less hurriedly as it gave me more time to start the long steady process of restoration and recuperation .

She herself needed space and was determined to avoid pressurised circumstances after locating discomfort in the abdomen and diaphragm area. Being involved with me emotionally and as deliverance minister rolled into one had taken an immense toll. I was in full agreement with her decision that until she sorted herself out, trips up to Chesterfield would be less frequent.

However, they say everything comes to him who waits. It certainly did in the early months of 1991 when it seemed that the vision of Tina in a bridal gown was moving to completion, as we decided to announce our engagement in April.

In my heart of hearts I always knew it wouldn't be too long in coming.

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 3 FEBRUARY 2019:

THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT OVERCOMING THE SCHIZOPHRENIC MIND

It is a powerful advantage beyond words to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord before the onset of schizophrenia strikes. What a blessing it is to have walked in the ways of God and known his power ahead of the turmoil that descends with the worst psychotic disorder of all! I am so

grateful that Jesus found, saved, instructed and taught me in his ways years before the demon of schizophrenia appeared, and, therefore, did not find me an easy prey to destroy.

None of us are a match for Satan and his cohorts unless Jesus fights within us. That you or I can ever come through, survive and defeat a continuous battle of the mind is only possible trusting in the power of Jesus and his great faithfulness. But what an impossible and fruitless struggle it is to find the nerve to oppose the forces of the power of darkness, unless armed with the victorious power of the Mighty Redeemer from heaven itself!

A living faith and full surrender to Jesus does result in a person becoming truly spiritually-minded. It is much more difficult to experience if schizophrenia came before knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour – but NOW gloriously possible with having received the Holy Spirit. As more spiritual light, truth and knowledge comes to you from the living presence of God inspiring the true Word of God found in the Bible, the whole mind starts to be transformed. It is through the release and pouring forth of God's truth into the heart and mind that faith then arises to unseat and drive out the darkness of the schizophrenic demon.

You may rightly ask: "How can I as a true Christian schizophrenic have a spiritual mind while hampered with the presence of an imprisoned schizophrenic mind. Isn't it like living with two minds, surely a confusing existence in itself?" To obtain some real understanding for a satisfactory answer let us look at a wonderful and inspiring verse in this week's reading from Romans 8 and verse 27: "And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

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"

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.

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.

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

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4: 9-10

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the

increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing it and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9: 6-7

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-tried 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

