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Weekly Encourager - 23 October 2022

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 32 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 34 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

HOW TO FIND A RESTING PLACE WITH GOD IN PRAYER AS YOU FIGHT TO BECOME FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 11: Key Verses 25-30 *Rest for the Weary:*

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



It is possible to enjoy spiritual rest while fighting to be free of schizophrenia! Jesus Christ can impart heart-rest on the road to securing lasting freedom. While the battle is on to drive out the demonic bondage wrapped around your mind, the KING of kings and LORD of lords has power to pour his Presence into your chaotic situation bringing an abiding rest. The struggle out of schizophrenia is often longer, though, where there is no sense of Jesus ruling and residing in the citadel of your spirit.

That Jesus can produce and provide such a victory in the midst of living in a mental prison displays his awesome power. It's a foretaste of freedom on the way to full freedom. To be able to pull aside and sit at the feet of Jesus in the heat of the battle and rest as faith fills your heart shows you are trusting him for greater deliverances in your life. Confidence to continue fighting to secure your freedom is imparted in such times of meeting God.

Such encounters with the LORD in prayer have a powerful effect on your life. They dispel thoughts suggesting that freedom from schizophrenia is a million miles away and will never happen to you. Such discouragement can steal over you from time to time. But the strength given in times of prayer with Jesus turns the tables on such thoughts. A fear like: "I might as well settle for life as it is because the struggle is just too much" is transformed into "I'm holding on to you Lord and will battle on in faith until you break the power of this bondage within me." You'll find yourself possessing a stronger will determined not to give up because there is already a foretaste of rest resident in your heart NOW bolstering your desire for the full freedom and its permanent rest to come.

I can only speak from experience. Before deliverance and healing, I encountered seasons of what I thought was total abandonment with no sensation of the Presence of God with me; at times, silences in which I felt He was doing nothing; intense struggles in months and years of jogging along in a sort of existence. I ran often to God, my Strong Tower, because I knew there was no help anywhere else. Believing in it all that "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek

him”, Jesus eventually drew near - even in periods of total weariness - and began imparting his comfort and strength. As I found renewal, I became fired up to seek more freedom, because those real joyous times of refreshing and rest from God encouraged me on!

If you came to know Christ before the dawning of schizophrenia on your life, you will know the experience of sins forgiven and the heart-rest through having a relationship with the Saviour of the world. To have that rest stolen from you when your mind is thrown into confusion and bondage is a loss you can't afford. You must retrieve it at all costs. You may well know the reality of running into the Presence of God as a refuge when the onslaught of turmoil hits your mind. Your only lifeline at times is to hold on in faith to the One who has promised never to leave you or forsake you.

May I point out the importance and value of early morning prayer in your fight to be free of schizophrenia. Read Psalm 63 and you will discover the benefits of seeking God and seeking him early in particular. The Psalmist, David, sought and possessed a real desire for God created by the Holy Spirit – a desire which moved him to seek God early. In spite of his sin and shortcomings we readily admit that he was always a man “after God’s own heart.” Bound together with his desire for God was a determination of heart which we sense in his words: “Early will I seek thee” (see verse one).

Because he began seeking God early in the day, David’s firmness of purpose of seeking God at other times of the day was both advanced and strengthened. Scripture would suggest that it was a pattern of David’s devotional life to seek God early and, as he kept the habit established, he enjoyed numerous benefits through seeking the face of God in this way.

The main benefit he obtained through his determined desire to seek God early was that HE FOUND GOD and entered into real, vital fellowship with him; such a start to the day had the potential of taking him through the day victoriously. Psalm 63 shows very clearly the certainty of David’s faith in expecting God to visit his soul as he sought him early. He proved the reality of the promises we have in the Word of God that “those who seek God shall find him.” David got out of bed early for nothing else, but to meet God Himself. He realised that every new day must know the touch of God on it – and so it was for an encounter with the Almighty that he cut short his sleep. It’s a hard discipline for a Christian schizophrenic to learn, but so very rewarding!

This raises the question of an early morning quiet time. How many Christians – schizophrenic or otherwise – have established such a meeting place with God as a regular habit of their devotional life? It is one thing to agree that you glorify God in your life more and would be better equipped as a soldier of Jesus Christ if you met him in this way, but that thought should move you to seek God in reality. For there is a world of a difference between the person who “rises and shines” to meet His Maker and the person who crawls out of bed with no desire at all.

The early morning encounter with God is a must for every Christian. We are not the same without it. Regular contact with God through early morning prayer has the power to revolutionise your Christian life and to accelerate your freedom from schizophrenia. When that happens, you will possess the key to having a closer walk with God! No longer will you be defeated, but fully surrendered and following Christ knowing his truly victorious life.

If you need a greater Pattern of early morning prayer than David, you see it in Jesus himself. If there was anyone who could dispense with prayer first thing in the morning it was our wonderful Saviour, but He rated it of such importance that we find him praying regularly. Well before the day’s activities and needy souls were enlisting his help, Jesus could be found in communion with his Heavenly Father. If Jesus needed fresh contact with God his Father each day how much more ourselves as his disciples. If early morning prayer strengthened him in the eternal purpose of going to the Cross and finishing the work, as it most certainly did, then a glorious daily encounter with God will enable us to fight the good fight of faith. As there is no way to learn to pray but by praying, so there is no way of making strides in a disciplined prayer life than by desiring it at the hand of God. And the way to start is by meeting God early.

Over the years, David had desired such discipline as he determined to be a man after God's own heart. I believe the Holy Spirit taught and guided him in life generally and in such a matter as rising early to pray. The same Holy Spirit confirmed in his heart after he had begun the habit that it was a good thing to keep doing – and it became second nature to him.

Remember, David was subject to the same body as you and I but the discipline of the Holy Spirit taught him mastery over his body. It was built into this thought-life that he would rise early in the morning – otherwise he would miss his time of fellowship with God and the vital strengthening touch on his life that early morning prayer brings. If he missed God through not rising early – and that hour or so can never be made up – his heart mourned.

I encourage you with all my heart to make the effort to sit at the feet of Jesus at the start of the day, and, as the discipline is established, you will discover the amazing transformation of his power released into your life. It could well be the door you ought to pass through to secure your freedom from schizophrenia!

The purpose of bringing out a Weekly Encourager is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Archive file copies contain scriptural advice, insight and help designed to give encouragement to those like yourself struggling for long sought-after freedom – so do make use of the facility provided, asking God to reveal His truth to you from the various messages. May He richly provide all you need to bring you out of the prison house of schizophrenia into His most glorious freedom! HE IS ABLE!

Let me no more my comfort draw,
From my frail hold of Thee.
In this alone rejoice with awe,
THY MIGHTY GRASP OF ME!

John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885)

And every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
ARE HIS ALONE.

Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

***Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.***

Psalm 115, verse 1

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 WEEKLY ENCOURAGER ARCHIVE FILE

2021 21 February – When The Lord Jesus Christ Makes You A Promise Expect It To Be Fulfilled

2020 2 February – “Lord Jesus Christ, Look To Your Faithfulness And Set Me Free”

2019 6 January – The Evil Spirit Of Schizophrenia Must Be Driven Out – By You Or Someone Else.

PROCLAMATION
TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: ¹

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. ²

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. ^{2a}

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. ³

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. ⁴

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. ⁵

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. ⁶

Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

—by Derek Prince

¹ Revelation 12:11
“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” [That is, they testified to what the **Word of God** says about the **blood of Jesus**.]

² Ephesians 1:7
In Him we have redemption through his **blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace . . .

^{2a} Psalm 107:2
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

³ 1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁴ Romans 5:9
Much more then, having now been justified by His **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

⁵ Hebrews 13:12
Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own **blood**, suffered outside the gate.

⁶ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Or do you not know that your **body** is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 30 OCTOBER 2022

BELIEVE THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR EVER LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION IN HEAVEN FOR YOU!

“LORD, MY DELIVERER, I CRY OUT TO YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN”

THIS WEEK’S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 34: Key Verses 1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me: let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Verses 15-22 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no-one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

There are numerous occasions in the life of a Christian suffering with schizophrenia when desperate prayers are made to God for deliverance from the evil of the psychotic bondage.

Living inside a mental prison-house, you fully understand what it means to engage “all kinds of prayers and petitions” to maintain your sanity.

Leaning hard on God, you will cry out to Him every time you need to know His delivering power over a spiritual darkness that wars within your mind and seeks to destroy you.

Remember, Jesus Christ has won the battle against the forces of evil opposed against you. He sits at the Father’s right hand in heaven making intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25).

You may have suffered with schizophrenia for many years and have cried out to God all that time, and yet your day of freedom has not arrived. I know the patient endurance required to persevere because of having had a 26 years’ wait before my jubilee day came.

I pray your deliverance and healing to come as soon as possible, but no matter how long before Jesus snaps the chains around your mind, keep holding on to Him ... even thanking Him for the freedom you are expecting.

If you had not got the promised word of freedom of Jesus living in your heart – “If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” John 15:7 – such a delay would be too much. But Jesus who gives you the promise also inspires faith and strength to hold on to it as you wait to see it performed.

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.



GLOBALISM

FAKE AND BIASED NEWS

POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS

UNREPORTED NEWS

GOOD NEWS!!

GOOD NEWS!

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM AND WILL REIGN WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

GOD WANTS US TO BE READY FOR HIS COMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN YOU ASK JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ETERNAL SON, TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN, WHICH IS PRIDE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. THE DAY YOU ACCEPT HIM INTO YOUR LIFE HE GIVES THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HIS EVERLASTING PEACE!

WHAT NEXT? BUY A BIBLE FROM ANY BOOKSTORE AND SEARCH THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US!

DON'T DELAY!

GO FOR IT!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT?

1. Violence and knife crime is on the increase, particularly in the west.
2. Family breakdown. Civil, ethnic and political unrest.
3. Deception - growing confusion, regarding beliefs and gender identity.
4. Growing belief in Universalism - all religions lead to God and no-one has the monopoly of TRUTH. A move to a one world religion.
5. People are sold into the lie of not giving offence to others, rather than upholding what they believe as truth, hence the rise of Political Correctness.
6. A move towards a One World government. The emergence of 'Deep State' with powerful secret societies, such as 'The Illuminati', manoeuvring across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted - through the irradiation of country borders and nationhood.



7. Federal Reserve. This is a private bank and is not monitored. These bankers want to help control the world and the finance system. They originally took gold from the Americas into the Federal Reserve for safe keeping but never returned it.
8. Famines and unprecedented migration. Earthquakes - more in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries. Many wars across every continent with thousands of innocent people and children killed.
9. Climate change involvement is becoming completely dominant in people's hearts and minds. Some theological students in New York are confessing their sins to plants! A generation is emerging that is worshipping creation rather than God the creator!

WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? QUITE A LOT!

Jesus Christ's first coming was prophesied around 137 times in the Old Testament of the Bible hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. There are over 200 prophecies regarding His Second Coming in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus lived for around 33 years, was then falsely accused and suffered by dying on the Cross outside Jerusalem around 2,000 years ago. There He died for you and me and God's anger for our sin was placed on Him. After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and three days later came back to life. He went back to heaven but promised to return to earth to take those who love Him to be with Him forever.

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24, that the following would take place before He returns to the earth:-

1. False Christs and false prophets will appear.
2. Wars and rumours of wars.
3. Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
4. Those who are followers of Jesus Christ will be hated and even put to death.

5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.

6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.

7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn because of Him. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24:29-30). Why did they mourn? Because they were not prepared for His Coming!

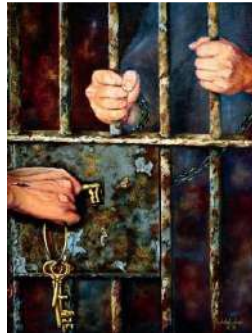
8. Jesus warned His disciples to "keep watch" and to be aware of the times in which we live. He said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What was characteristic of those days? Violence and wickedness was rife and present in everyone's mind was only evil all the time.

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.

(the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant) "... No-one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you, do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1: 6-8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5 8-11

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open the seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth... In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" Revelation 5: 9-10 & 12

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