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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

TAKING ON THE LIGHT YOKE OF JESUS CHRIST HELPS DEFEAT THE BURDEN OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 11: Key Verses 25-29: 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."



The longing of every born-again Christian suffering with schizophrenia is to know the heart-rest won by Jesus Christ through His death on the Cross.

You will know what I mean if you enjoyed such a blessing of freedom before the advent of the psychotic illness on your life.

Like myself, you may have lived years growing in the knowledge and love of God. Then, moving into your late teens or early adulthood, all hell was suddenly unleashed into your life! You were thrown into turmoil and utter confusion, made worse by a feeling of torment.

The peace of God that used to reign both in your heart and mind, certainly became threatened. Since the advent of schizophrenia, you soon came to discover an assault on the fellowship you were enjoying and developing with Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Nothing less than a strange foe now challenges and disturbs the peace of God both in heart and mind! You suddenly feel harassed with unpleasant, accusing voices intent on stealing, killing and destroying you (see the words of Jesus in John 10:10).

You were enjoying growing in grace and had discovered the preciousness of the abiding presence of God and of hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit's ministry in your life. But now you hear a completely strange voice in your mind.

If evidence were needed concerning the demonic presence behind schizophrenia then here it is. Why are so many Christians unable to see it! Whose strange voice is it that is now being heard in the mind of a Christian believer? It is not the voice of self, and most certainly not the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is the voice of a demonic intruder with a personality of its own now interfering in your life.

I can think of no other greater tormenting confusion to hit a human life than this. Physical and other mental suffering in various forms and degrees does not, in my mind, come near to what a person goes through when such a devastating event shipwrecks one's life.

If, as a parent, relation or friend you are reading this and have someone in whom a total regressive change has taken place in their life, you will not be able to understand the depth of bondage which has caused it without insight from the Holy Spirit.

People who are in a caring situation without knowledge of Jesus and the ways of the Spirit may regret that a loved one's life has been suddenly blitzed for the worst, but they need the spiritual understanding of what is going on to cause such a downward drift through suffering a hidden mental bondage.

A person with the Holy Spirit, however, has access to the ways of God and revelation of the Spirit of God and cannot sit back and readily accept this Satanic-induced occupation and control upon their loved one. It has got to be challenged and driven out, while at the same time loving and caring for the person in question.

Everything must be done to bring about deliverance and healing to a Christian whose very existence is challenged by the invading spirit of schizophrenia now holding sway in a life once committed to Christ.

It is most important that the Church of Jesus Christ comes to the rescue of such a person now in a mental prison – for the offers of helping-hands are often few and far between, sometimes non-existent.

It could be long years – as it was in my own life – before Christians moved on by the Spirit of God arrive on the scene and begin to act in the authority of Jesus in bringing a Christian like yourself out of bondage into freedom. Of course, there has got to be your co-operation given to them. To have helpers committed to see you through to the day of deliverance, is the ideal to pray and hope for.

Sad point in reality is that a born-again schizophrenic normally has to wait too long before his or her great day of freedom arrives. The power of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, has been shed abroad into the lives of members of the church of Jesus Christ to do exploits in His Name – one of which is freeing the captives from such intrusion into lives by demon spirits.

The predicament exists that until the prayer-troops arrive there is great difficult for a Christian to make sense of what he or she is going through, and how do they find some comfort of rest in their mind and spirit.

It is only through having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Trouble is that with being on medication, the faith you need has to be continued in the presence of heavy feelings of passivity, inactivity and indolence – not the seedbed where living active faith in Jesus grows. Often you only have a thin thread of faith in Jesus in existence, while at other times you wonder if you have any faith at all!

I just want to encourage you to hold on to Jesus in all that you are passing through. You cannot do without Him for He alone is the pathway to spiritual freedom. His Hand is over You, His love – as always – strong to see that you don't fail but bring you through it all.

Living with schizophrenia, until your freedom comes, is a burden and weight. The mental suffering you are gallantly seeking to conquer is heavy to carry. There are periods of rest in Jesus along the way to freedom and the way to obtain them is not easy BUT YOU MUST SEEK THE HELP OF JESUS AT ALL COSTS. Live in the promises of God. Declare the ownership of Jesus over your life. Pray without ceasing as the Spirit of God helps you.

Through listening to a CD of Christian worship or reading the Word of God, you will find encouragement to go on! Set about creating room to have some praise and worship before the Lord. Such action will bring the presence of Jesus into your life. I found that to be a great resting place over and over again in the days leading up to being set free by Jesus. Run to the refuge of God in faith and worship, with your Bible in hand. You must recognise the presence of God drawing near to you to relieve you of the burden of what you are carrying.

You may sense, as I did over the years, that the freedom you have in Jesus can diminish at times. You can feel sometimes that even the rest you enjoy is in danger of being taken from you. You must do everything in your power not to lose your hold on Christ and keep faith alive. What you are passing through and involved in is real spiritual warfare – not some kind of rehearsal to meet it!

It is now vitally important to turn in faith to your Saviour and regain His control in your heart from where you direct your life. The voices assailing your mind have got to be challenged and defeated and the only way of driving them out is through the power of Jesus Christ.

It is a lonely wilderness struggle this business of fighting to keep your sanity and life. When you take to heart the words of Jesus such as: “He that follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of light” you know such a promise is for you. Because you know the words of Jesus are true, you have hope that the freedom of which they speak will become true for you one day – and therefore you will not give up! Fight on to obtain it with all the strength of Jesus at your disposal. You will live to see the day when you enjoy it - be fully assured!

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)

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 FILE

2021 31 January – “This One Thing I Know – Jesu’s Love Never Failed Me Yet”

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

2019 15 September – Never Minimise The Prayers Of Others Helping You Defeat Schizophrenia

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.

Triumphant Faith

by the late Pastor W. T. H. Richards of Slough Gospel Tabernacle, England

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 4: Key verses 31-37: Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit:

Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

The Christian life cannot be experienced or maintained apart from faith. Yet we often lose sight of its importance and remain in ignorance of its tremendous potential. To catch a fleeting glimpse of its nature will bring the soul into a new spiritual dimension. To possess a small seed from this fruit enables a child of God to start a spiritual revolution. Heaven is delighted and Hell demented when we operate on the faith principle.

Bible faith is different from the so-called faith we may have in a bus driver to get us to our destination, or in the word of a man who arranges the route we should take. This has nothing at all to do with faith that is born of the Spirit because in both instances failure and disappointment may ensue. The bus may not get there; the directions given may be entirely misleading; but faith which is the gift of God does not and cannot fail, mislead or disappoint. If we study the subject in a negative manner we shall see how mighty and unique it is.

Faith cannot give up in despair

Faith can never lead a child of God to weep in abject defeat. This does not mean that the Christian is never broken and melted, or that he does not experience times of failure. Some of the greatest saints have wept in despair. But it is not so with faith. It never sits down before problems or a crisis and cries. It stands up and laughs! Faith never moans in defeat, it sings triumphantly in prison cells and sinking ships because the purpose of God is being worked out.

It is when we lose sight of this, gloom fills the soul, but when faith comes in we are as transformed men, elated, strengthened, authoritative. Faith can look into an empty barrel of meal and see a year's supply! It can touch a desert rock and bring forth fresh, sparkling water to quench the thirst of weary pilgrims. Faith is more than a match for any situation.

Dr. A. C. Dixon on one occasion stated that when he was pastor in a church in Boston they needed two thousand dollars to square up the year's accounts. He and his officers resolved to ask God to send the money. They met for prayer, and one of the deacons rose from his knees and said: "Brethren, God has answered our prayers. He will send the money in next Sunday's collections." When Sunday morning came it was the worst Sunday for rain Dr. Dixon had ever known. Half of the congregation would never venture out. It was suggested that they should postpone the collection. "No," replied the praying deacon, "I did not trust the weather; I trusted God." The collection was taken and amounted to twenty-six hundred dollars. Faith does not and cannot despair.

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.

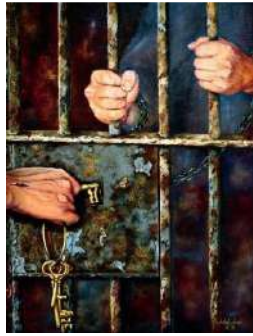
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will 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.

(Jesus said): "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matthew 6: 22-23

A wise man is mightier than a strong man and a man of knowledge than he who has strength; for by wise guidance you can wage your war and in the abundance of counselors there is victory Proverbs 24: 5-6 (Revised Standard Version)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 4-7

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-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