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IT IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT TIME TO ASK GOD, FOR HE LOVES TO BE ASKED. DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA BY ASKING GOD TO PUT POWER IN YOUR PRAYERS TO DEFEAT ITS EVIL PRESENCE

“I will do whatever you ask in my name... You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it (John 14:13-14)

James describes how through God’s intervention schizophrenia was defeated in his life - following an unusual time of prayer in which he heard God say: “Today you will be a free man.”

James: If I could say, Charlotte, there are some things that actually take a volume of prayer for God to do something with. That was the actual experience of my life, because after meeting Tina and going to a conference where we heard about bondages in Christians’ lives, the actual volume of prayer for me seemed to increase. And I believe too that it aided me in actually taking God more seriously, and beginning to address this bondage that was on my life. So the Bible speaks about the vials being filled with the prayers of the saints, and when those vials are full, God gives a command to the angels to actually release the answer to earth. That is the actual result of people praying! So I am so thankful, not only for the wonderful faithfulness of God in keeping me over 26 years, but in so many Christians praying.

I think the very time which was actually deliverance day on May Day, 1990, when we had been up on the Clent Hills near where Tina lives. We had gotten back to her home, which is now our home. I said to her before I went for my train to Chesterfield, “Shall we pray?”

So we got down to pray and I was just telling the Lord how sick and tired I was of fighting this foe in my life day by day. Into that prayer, the Lord just came right in. The only description I can give to you of that is this. It was the difference between the aircraft taxi-ing down the runway, and the pilot doing what he does to take it airborne. I was somewhere up there with the Lord, and I was telling Tina at one stage to be quiet because I was getting through. I said, “Darling, I am getting through! Be quiet!”

And God said to me as He came down in that moment, “Today you will be a free man,” and I believed it. I went home to Chesterfield. I locked my door, and I went into the lounge. And the Lord said to me, “There is a nest of evil spirits in your life, and they are located in your knee.” Actually, I had been unable to walk sometimes because of the excruciating pain that I felt in my knee. The Lord said, “They are so deep down in your body, because they are so entrenched and they have been there for years.”

So I thought, “Well Lord, how do I get them out?” I have got no experience in casting demons out. My only impression of demons being cast out is when someone is laying hands on somebody, and it’s a stubborn spirit and they are wiping the sweat away. So I said, “Lord, how on earth do I get them out?”

And the word that just flashed across my mind was, “Blast them out! Blast them out!” So I took a cassette recorder and a tape of triumphant praise from my Pentecostal church. I played it into my knee as close as I could and as loud as I could for twenty minutes. I sat on the settee and the choruses were such things like “Jesus, at thy name we bow the knee” and “Jesus is the name we worship.”

At the end of the twenty minutes, I addressed the nest of spirits and I said: “Now it is time for business.” I spoke directly to them and said this, “You have been pigs in the parlor of my life for far

too long. You have no legal right to be there, because the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for me at Calvary. So in His name, in the power of His blood, in the authority of the Word of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I now bind you and I loose you!"

I had my sock and shoe off. Immediately I felt three movements; one, two, and the third – they went through my toes. I felt them go. My first reaction was...go to the phone and ring Tina and tell her. As I did so, the Holy Spirit just checked me, and I came back and sat down. I put my hands on my head in three places, and simply said, "Lord, believing that you have helped me to cast those demons out, will you please heal what's been knotted up here all this long time?"

You know the Bible talks about God answering while we are yet speaking to Him. Before I had got the prayer out of my mouth, something wonderful happened. The Holy Ghost came down in liquid fire and hit the base of my neck, right over the crown of my head to the bridge of my nose. Whew...just like that! Just like a laser beam, and it just smashed open the prison door of schizophrenia; I was completely healed in my mind. My countenance was aglow; before, my eyes had been sunken in my head. My forehead was so protruding; in a moment of time I had had deliverance and healing. So it was then that I phoned Tina. I said to her, "Tina darling, God has set me free!"

It is wonderful, and you know for the whole of that week, because that was a Monday night, I was just longing and itching to get down to just show her this new man. I phoned her every night and said to her, "Darling, you will be meeting a new man when you see me on Saturday." I was up early on Saturday morning. I caught the first train to Derby at quarter past six or so.

I took four photographs in the photo cabin at the station while I was waiting for the connection, to show the change in my life and my appearance. Then I finally came to Tina's doorstep and rang the bell, and waited for her to come. She appeared and said, "Wow! You do look different. You do look different, James."

I said, "Well, it's Jesus. He has done it. He has broken the prison door!"

And just in the same way as a boy of 14, the spiritual doors of my prison house were wide open when the love of Jesus touched me, He had done it again. This time He had smashed wide open the bars of iron and the gates of brass, which were really like a prison around my mind. So He had actually done that in a wonderful way.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, will you set everyone free with schizophrenia who reads this testimony and impart to them faith so they know and take hold of your keys to open the door of this bondage bringing permanent and full freedom. In Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.

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