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(from James Stacey: scriptural advice and insight on how to be set free from schizophrenia)

THE KIND OF SPECIFIC PRAYING THAT UNSEATS THE DEMON OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4

Key Verses 1- 11: *The Temptation of Jesus.* Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" "Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone' ". Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" " Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The kind of praying that defeats schizophrenia – and a host of other demons for that matter – is praying in the power of the Holy Spirit who imparts knowledge of the issue you are praying about. The Bible declares in Hosea 4 verse 6: "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge." You have every hope of defeating schizophrenia and getting your life freed up and restored by Jesus because in him "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2: verse 2), or, in other words, all the resources necessary to defeat a strong, demonic enemy are at your disposal.

As a Christian schizophrenic you face a challenge!! You believe that God is all-powerful and nothing is impossible to him. You believe that He has power to set you free – that you don't doubt for a moment; but how to see it happen and come to pass is the challenge to your faith. Your need is in knowing through the revelation of the Holy Spirit to your heart the spiritual force you are battling against. This imparted knowledge will not only show you how to act in preventing your life from being destroyed but will also instruct you how to be set free.

It is praying "in the Holy Spirit" that keeps the spirit alive and herein lies the victory for you. Freedom will dawn if you can but keep your spirit in touch with God and begin to defeat your number one enemy of passivity which evil spirits seek to unleash into your life incessantly. "Lord, I want to know you, how to abide in you, live in you and be equipped to fight armed with your spirit's might and power as I am filled with your knowledge", is a most powerful prayer to pray.

As your prayer life begins to deepen, the Holy Spirit will make you aware just how ignorant you have been concerning the immense amount of ground you have yielded to evil spirits and the depth in which passivity has entered your life and (2) you will receive a witness in your spirit as to what a vibrant faith in God will do in imparting knowledge and how to triumph in defeating schizophrenia. What I call the birth-pangs of an impending freedom coming your way will register in the deepest depths of your spirit as your Conquering Saviour encourages you on!!

Let me pour hope into your life today by saying that when you have been seized in your spirit by the confidence of God, the floodgates of heaven will keep on pouring power and strength into your life. Call out to God with all your strength for more "light in his light", more revelation by the Spirit of God. Focus more on Jesus than demons and schizophrenia. A war is won when you know you can rout the enemy. Jesus has won this victory for you, remember? The demons who have robbed you of precious life are going to have to retreat. There is a militant spirit rising up in you that will make it so. Declare your victory before you have it. Worship God and sing: "If I lift up my voice and call on the Lord, he will come." And surely he will!! Your faith will become so hot and confident in Jesus that the schizophrenia demon will want to get out of your life at the double!!

The success that the schizophrenia demon has in shedding a snare of bondage is that he invades the human mind with lies through his disturbing, persistent voice. If you want just one clear evidence that schizophrenia is demonic here it is. Ask to whom do the voices belong that harass, tempt and destroy a precious soul that Jesus died to save and bring to heaven? Well, they are not the voice of self, definitely not the voice of the Holy Spirit but the voices of invading spirits gripped with an agenda intent on stealing, robbing and destroying (see John 10 verse 10).

Your task is to defeat the voices. Drive out the schizophrenic demon and the voices will depart with him. Because schizophrenia is a bondage of deep spiritual darkness you need LIGHT, LIGHT AND MORE LIGHT from King Jesus, the Light of the world, to overcome.

As from this week, we are beginning to put at the bottom of the Encourager, some powerful scriptures for you to learn and commit to memory and USE in your prayer battle against the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the Lord will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your Spirit and equip you as a certain contender for the freedom of Jesus.

"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Isaiah 60 verse 1

"He will respond to the prayer of the destitute, he will not despise their plea." Psalm 102 verse 17

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8 verses 37-39

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You too can know the help and strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. If you have already received him, then keep in touch with him every day through regular prayer and bible study. By so doing, you will begin to discern his voice a lot clearer, and as sharing your life with Christ grows there will come inner and silent strength to overcome every other voice that may trouble you.

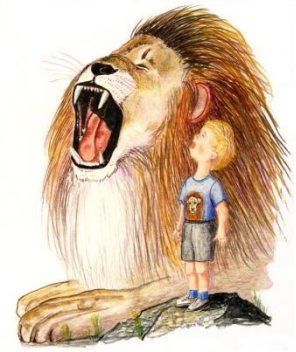
If you have never received Jesus Christ into your life, then why not do it RIGHT NOW, as we guide you in a prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ I approach you knowing I am separated from you by sin. I know I have also sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done and there are so many sinful things I have done. I believe that you died on the Cross in my place that I might be brought back to God the Father and know forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. I now ask you to come into my life and cancel out the sin that separates from you. Come in and cleanse me through the power of you blood. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Holy Spirit to defeat the evil of schizophrenia which troubles me and bring me right through into the glorious freedom of your kingdom. I ask this, giving you thanks, in your Name. Amen

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the very first time; or perhaps you've stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia which has just dawned on your life; or maybe you've been looking at W.E. every week for encouragement to help you deal with this "monster" of mental illnesses and have already gained HOPE that the Lord Jesus Christ is the One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all.

We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice and help as

we continue to point to the One 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 to die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. In that great sacrifice, He paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine by dying for us and on the third day rose from the dead as "The Resurrection and the Life". He released the power of the Holy Spirit into the life of every believer accepting his sacrifice. A life-transforming experience that you too can know!!

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Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals



"I will proclaim your mighty acts,
O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16