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KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS INDWELLING SPIRIT REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE POWERS OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8 v. 31

Jesus said to them: "I tell you the truth, unless you can eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." John 6 v. 53

We publish today as a prelude to making available on the website this coming week extracts from the full text of the interview Tina and I had with Trinity Broadcasting Network's "Praise the Lord (Europe)" hour-long programme concerning my deliverance and healing from schizophrenia through the victorious power of Jesus Christ after 26 years.

The two thirty minute videos of the programme can be viewed through the www.precious-testimonies.com website mentioned below right - Reference: Answers to Prayer link. Already 2071 views have been recorded on Part 1 of the interview and 1439 on Part 2. We are grateful to TBN and the Precious Testimonies ministry for allowing us to inspire hope among so many schizophrenics that Jesus Christ is the ONLY way out of this demonic bondage.

INTERVIEW EXTRACT FROM PART 1 VIDEO

Charlotte: James, you say that schizophrenia is demonic. Can you just expand a little bit for our viewers who don't really understand the spiritual elements of schizophrenia? Can you explain your opinions on that?

James: Certainly. Well, I believe these are convictions. A conviction is not an opinion. It is much, much stronger, and when we begin to talk about the demonic side of schizophrenia, I always refer to the voices which schizophrenics hear. I ask the question, to whom do these voices belong? They are not the voice of self. They are most certainly not the voice of the Holy Spirit, but they are voices from invading spirit forces that impose themselves on a person's life, and they actually overrule them. If I were to quote, say from Mark Chapter 5, we see that in the life of Legion, this paranoid schizophrenic I would have called him, who was dominated by these voices who more or less just took over his life. And so I can just say that it is a conviction of mine that I have because I had these voices trying to actually destroy my life many, many times.

Charlotte: When you speak about these voices, were they always negative voices?

James: Indeed. These voices in my own life would often try to induce me to end my life; voices of suicide, and I had to contest them of course. It was only through the power of prayer and knowing the strength of the Holy Spirit that I was able to actually ward them off and finally come to the point of defeating them.

Charlotte: And it was at the Bible College where the first kind of signs of schizophrenia really showed themselves?

James: Well you know I really believe that because there was something being disturbed in my soul life. The schizophrenia demon, the rejection was in my soul life. And I would just point out here that when a person comes to Christ, as we know, they are as the Bible says a new creature. But we must be entirely honest about this. Not everything is dealt with when a person comes to know Jesus Christ. Of course the spirit is renewed; a person is forgiven. Their sins are washed

away and Jesus becomes real and receives the Holy Spirit, but there may be some things in a person's life, as it was true in my own life, where everything had not been dealt with. And this rejection, I feel, was beginning to surface during the time I was at college, as I began to take God seriously.

Charlotte: Is there a defining moment, is there a kind of memory that you know of – an event that happened that is significant in your memory as to when this illness started?

James: Yes, I can remember. I was in the village of Conisbrough near Doncaster. I was doing my local calls (as a newspaper reporter) and I was just walking around the village. On this particular afternoon, this cloud of darkness just engulfed my life; I did not know what to do. Pleading the blood of Jesus was not something that I could do actually or knew about that I ought to have done. This huge black cloud just engulfed me. I could not even type a simple paragraph about a jumble sale that was being held. I came back to the office that night, and my whole body became, as it were, locked up in a strait-jacket. It wasn't long before I was rushed off to the psychiatric hospital in Sheffield, and that was the first of many, many visits.

Charlotte: Was that tied in with an overwhelming workload, something basically like that?

James: Not really. I loved my job and the people of the newspaper would trust me to actually do my job well, but there was something which was niggling at me. I could not shake off this bondage. I didn't know, for example, how to speak in tongues, which later on God gave me that gift and it was powerful when this nest of spirits actually used to trouble me. Because not only did I have the spirit of schizophrenia, but I had to contend with another major one, which was a religious spirit, and also suicide as well; so there was a nest of spirits who were working together actually to destroy me.

Charlotte: Well, we'll certainly discuss that in a lot more detail. James, you spent 26 years battling with schizophrenia. Can you share with us how you actually got through that time?

James: Well, that's more than a third of a lifetime of course. It was a very, very difficult struggle – a spiritual struggle. And I just want to say that at the start of this actual illness, I did meet my first wife, Pamela, who was a wonderful help to me. She knew that I had the illness. She sought the Lord about whether we should get married, and she thought it was right. She really wanted me to become free during the 14 years that we were married, and that actually never happened. We had a very happy time as husband and wife, and I preached of course in the local church. I was very active in church life and in newspaper reporting of Christian events but the freedom I longed to have did not really occur. Dear Pam passed away in 1981, and I was left with my children to bring up; I was also working as well.

Not many schizophrenics can actually turn up for work day in and day out because some of them, nearly all of them, are on medication, and it kind of makes them passive. So you have to drive your will to actually turn up for work like I had to do. But in the course of the years, I found what was really a great inspiration in prayer. There was a time when I said to God one day, "I want to really know how I can abide in you. I want to know Lord how I live in You." And I was directed to John's Gospel, Chapter 15, where the Lord says "If ye abide in Me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you."

Also from John Chapter 6, the Lord Jesus says, "The words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life." So I thought...Well, if I can but get the word of God inside me, they will bring the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. So I began to meditate on the Word of God; I began to pray the Word of God into my whole being. And this was a great strength and real ammunition when these demonic forces would seek to actually destroy my life. So I was always up early in the morning like David in Psalms 63 said, "Early will I seek thee." I believed in my early days of going to Bible College, and when I came home, that to meet God in the morning was a real added blessing.