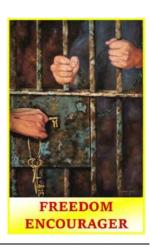
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# FREEDOM ENCOURAGER 7 & 14 JANUARY 2024

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 35 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION



### MEETING GOD EARLY IN 2024 WILL KEEP ADVANCING YOUR FIGHT TO BECOME FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MARK'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 1: Key Verses 21-28 Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit:

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "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!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. 32-34 Jesus Heals Many: That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. 35-39 Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place: Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The early encounter with God is a must for every Christian believer wanting to defeat the Satanic bondage of schizophrenia.

You are not the same without it! Regular, early morning prayer and contact with God will empower your life with strong spiritual resolve to obtain freedom.

I want to challenge you to seek God and to seek Him early. If this Encourager is registered by the Holy Spirit into your heart and mind, and you begin to receive the benefits of meeting God early, it will have been well worth it.

Let's focus on Psalm 63:1-2 where David says: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary." (Authorized King James Version).

David had a real hunger, thirst and desire which moved him to seek God early. Despite his shortcomings, we readily admit that he was a man after God's own heart.

Because of his determination to seek God's face early in the day, this resolve advanced and strengthened his desire to seek God at other times. David really loved the Lord and was a man of prayer.

Scripture suggests that it was a pattern of David's devotional life to seek God early, and, as he kept up the discipline, he enjoyed numerous benefits, the greatest of which was that HE FOUND GOD.

In battling against schizophrenia for 26 years, it was the discipline of seeking God and finding Him that inspired endurance to keep fighting the demonic enemy. Consider how much your life would be filled with hope and strength if you could learn this glorious lesson of getting into the Presence of God first thing in the day. Taking the Word of God with you to build up faith, you would be equipped to defeat schizophrenia, without a doubt.

When David FOUND GOD through seeking him, he entered into real, vital fellowship which prepared him for whatever a day would present to him.

He got out of bed early for no other reason than to meet God Himself. He realized, as we need to, that every new day must have time to allow God to touch our lives – and so it was for an encounter with God that he often cut short his sleep.

He proved the reality of the many promises in the Word of God that those who seek God with their whole heart shall find Him. (see Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 7: 7-8).

This blessing and importance of having an early morning encounter and quiet time with God is not in question. But how many Christians have established such a meeting place with God as a regular habit of their devotional life?

Is it asking too much of you battling with schizophrenia to make the effort to seek God early in the morning? You may say: "Remember, I am on medication and at present unable to work at even a part-time job. How can I muster the will to have a quiet time with God in the morning?"

If you are really serious in your desire to become free and get your life back, you MUST have an encounter with God. Without meeting Him, you do not possess the strength and power to defeat a Satanic bondage around your mind. But armed with the strength of Jesus you do!

A Christian without schizophrenia may have no desire, sad to say, to live in the reality of knowing the love of Jesus. He has yet to discover the beauty and joy of being in the presence of God. Therefore, his life is less than half-hearted and passive in its surrender to Jesus.

But you are in a crisis situation where your life is held in bondage and you need to seek God at any cost. The passivity that is entrenched in your mind has got to be broken and overcome through the power of faith and the working of Holy Spirit living within you. Your life has got to have a strategy to get free – one of getting into the Presence of God and absorbing the knowledge of His Word to be used in taking command of your life.

It is one thing to agree that you would be better equipped to fight and defeat schizophrenia if you met the Lord each morning, but that thought should move you (and conquer your passive will) to seek God in reality.

For there is a world of a difference between the Christian suffering with schizophrenia who wants to get free and "rises and shines" to meet His Maker and he who crawls out of bed with no desire at all.

If we need a greater pattern of prayer than David, we 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 regularly engaged in desiring communion with His Father.

Before the day's activities were at the door and needy souls were enlisting His help, He could be found in communion with His Heavenly Father.

If Jesus needed fresh contact with His Father each morning, how much more do such powerless creatures as we are, we who call ourselves His disciples! Who knows the preciousness of those times Jesus had with His Father? When you have contact with God and allow Him to draw near, you are moving to owning the victory He obtained on the Cross for you.

If early morning contact and communion with His Father strengthened and equipped Jesus in the eternal purpose of going to the Cross and finishing the work of salvation for you and me – then a glorious encounter with God each day will enable you to fight the good fight and go on to defeat the bondage of schizophrenia in your life for good.

FINAL WORDS: Quotes from two great Christian men who discovered the power of life-changing, early morning prayer: First, E. M. Bounds, whose books on prayer still stir believing-Christians: "A desire for God which cannot break the chains of sleep is a weak thing and will do but little good for God after it has indulged itself fully. The desire for God that keeps so far behind the devil and the world at the beginning of the day will never catch up. It is not simply the getting up that puts men to the front and makes them captain generals in God's hosts, but it is the ardent desire which stirs and breaks all self-indulgent chains."

Robert Murray McCheyne, of Scotland, knew he ought to be early at prayer. "I ought to pray before seeing anyone. Often when I sleep long or meet with others early, it is eleven or 12 o'clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system. It is UNSCRIPTURAL. Christ arose before day and went into a solitary place. David says: "Early will I seek thee." "Thou shalt early hear my voice." I can do no good to those who come to seek from me. The conscience feels guilty, the soul unfed, the lamp not trimmed. Then, when in secret prayer the soul is often out of tune. I feel it is far better to begin with God – to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another." Rectifying the matter, he writes: "Rose early to seek God, and found Him whom my soul loveth. Who would not rise early to meet such company?"

A day begun well with the Lord Jesus Christ is a day going swell...

#### FOR FURTHER READING: See Weekly Encourager / Freedom Encourager Archive File:

**2023** 23 & 30 July – Assert The Ownership Of The Lord Jesus Christ Over Your Life To Every Demonic Voice

**2022** 6 & 13 November – Prayer Power Breaking Through Schizophrenia's "Gates Of Brass And Iron"

**2021** 12 September – Praising God Is A Mighty Weapon In Driving Out Schizophrenia

The purpose of bringing out a Freedom Encourager each fortnight is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Weekly Encourager files between 2010 and 2023 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!

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

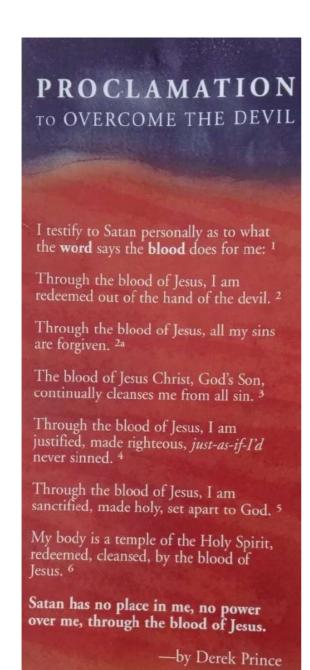
John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885)

Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

Not unto 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.



#### 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.]

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

<sup>2a</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

## FREEDOM ENCOURAGER 21 & 28 JANUARY 2024

# THE FAITH STRATEGY GOD GAVE ME TO DEFEAT THE VOICES OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

#### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 11

FREEDOM ENCOURAGER

Verses 14-28 <u>Jesus and Beelzebub</u>: Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

He replied: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Holy Spirit, who is the living Presence of Jesus Christ, revealed to me the full truth about schizophrenia. He said it was a spiritual stronghold of Satanic darkness needing to be driven out in order to restore freedom and joy to my life.

I knew for many years that I had been fighting a spiritually dark foe and only survived because of God's power, grace and truth – but the inspired guidance urging me to exorcise the demons lit up my spirit with fresh faith.

When Jesus is "guiding you into all truth", as stated in John's Gospel 16:13, you know it's time to obey what He reveals in your heart and mind. The personal ministry of the Holy Spirit is so vital to every Christian suffering with schizophrenia both in setting you free and keeping you free.

I believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus – and armed with this revelation proceeded to obey the Holy Spirit. This resulted in a glorious victory over Satan by Jesus Christ in my life over 33 years ago.

It didn't matter to me in the slightest that my psychiatrist, or the medical world, would agree with what God was saying about the condition they were treating me for. It was high time for the living power of Jesus to come to my aid, fight for me and bring much-needed freedom.

The specific revelation about schizophrenia was a long time in coming – about 26 years in fact. Throughout that period I was a survivor leaning hard on the words of Jesus Christ and other scriptures while praying at every opportunity. Often I was too tired to pray effectively and can testify how God kept me, held me and protected me over so many years.

I stand amazed just thinking about how long it took for the full revelation of schizophrenia to dawn on my life. My mind was held in such a strong vice with delusions and voices playing a constant part that nothing penetrated to the depth I needed – UNTIL through the power of prayer from many friends, God revealed the magnitude of the demonic bondage, stirred my spirit and began to help me stage a valiant fight to be free.

Between the months of February and May in 1990, after attending "The Battle Belongs To The Lord" conference in Brighton held by Ellel Ministries, a mighty change began to take place in my

life. I resolved at all costs to drive out the intruding forces from my life for good, saying to God one day in the toilets at work: "I am going to come here to pray and fast until you break the power of this bondage over my life." It became a daily assignment involving rising at 5 a.m. to have two hours of waiting on God before going to work. I used my tea breaks and dinner breaks at the office to pray and fast hiding myself away in the toilets on three floors. The demons in my life were beginning to fear as Satan's hold over my life was coming to an end.

The prayers of committed friends resulted in more light and truth coming from the Holy Spirit. I knew that in order for the demons to be ousted, I must know a faith within that conquers through the power of the Holy Spirit. Above all, I needed to possess the authority given by Jesus Christ which He is always wanting to bestow on His followers. The life of prayer I sort to live even during my normal working day released the fresh power of the Holy Spirit and a growing confidence of heading for a freedom within the grasp of believing faith.

#### FURTHER INSIGHT IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

- 1. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS ALREADY DEFEATED SATAN'S KINGDOM OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS AND EVERY DEMONIC SPIRIT
- 2. JESUS STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF BINDING THE STRONGMAN BEFORE CASTING HIM OUT
- 3. KEEPING YOUR FREEDOM ONCE THE DEMONS, NEST OR STRONGMAN HAVE BEEN CAST OUT



### 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.
- Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
- 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.

#### 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', manoevering across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted through the irradication 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!

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 ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 1990.



#### BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the strong "gates of brass and bars of iron" behind my eyes and around my mind requiring the power of JESUS CHRIST to defeat.



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 Station 5 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): "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour and moment what (you) ought to say." Luke 12:12

(Jesus said): "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that you faith may not fail." Luke 22:31-32

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 <a href="https://www.schizophreniadefeated.com">www.schizophreniadefeated.com</a> 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