

The Screwtape Letters ~ Letter 31 ~ Untimely Entrance to Into Heaven
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Before reading the following overview of this Letter, we suggest that you click on the link above to read the short **Letter 31** for today's Illustrated Message, which is the last Letter of the book. This will help you understand the following message.

This is the finale of the book and Screwtape says to Wormwood; *"You have let a soul slip through your fingers. The howl of sharpened famine for that loss re-echoes at this moment through all the levels of the Kingdom of Noise down to the very Throne itself. It makes me mad to think of it. How well I know what happened at the instant when they snatched him from you! There was a sudden clearing of his eyes (was there not?) as he saw you for the first time, and recognised the part you had had in him and knew that you had it no longer. Just think (and let it be the beginning of your agony) what he felt at that moment; as if a scab had fallen from an old sore, as if he were emerging from a hideous, shell-like tetter, as if he shuffled off for good and all a defiled, wet, clinging garment."*

In this last Letter, the Patient dies as a Christian and had the guarantee of eternal life in heaven. Every individual that is born into this world and dies in this world, will be living forever, either in Heaven or in Hell. In the middle of all the bombardments of war, the Patient dies, but in reality, he lives forever in heaven, but this is not the case for those who die as a non-Christian, they will live forever, but not in Heaven but in a place called Hell.

Jesus says in **Matthew 10:28**; *"28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in [a]hell."*

John 3:36 also says; *"36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

In **Revelation 20:11-15**, the Apostle John says; *"11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before [a]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second [b]death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."*

According to Screwtape, Wormwood failed by not causing the Christian Patient to backslide in his faith, which would have had his name then blotted out of the Book of Life. Many believe that they're name cannot be blotted out of the Book of Life, but it's evident by this following scripture that it can.

Revelation 3:5 says; *"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."*

Notice the condition for a Christian to not have his or her name blotted out of the book of life, and that is if they overcome. It's not how a person begins his Christian faith that determines his salvation, but rather how he finishes it upon death. It's not how you start the race but rather how you obey the rules while running the race and crossing the finish line, that determines the prize.

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In **Matthew 7:13-14**, Jesus says the following; “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 [[a](#)]Because narrow is the gate and [[b](#)]difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

A Christian must be on the difficult straight and narrow road upon death in order to inherit eternal life, and as CS Lewis quotes, “*The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.*” This is the broad and wide road that leads to Hell.

The Apostle Paul says in **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**; “50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a [[a](#)]mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O[[b](#)] Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

Here is a bit of a summary that [LitCharts](#) gives;

“Summary;

The Patient has died in an air raid. In the moments leading up to his death, the Patient became fully conscious for the first time of the influence that Wormwood had on his mind. As he became conscious of this, he also came to realize that Wormwood no longer had any influence on his behavior. The Patient died quickly—he won’t have to stay in a nursing home or a hospital. This is a disaster for the devils.

Analysis;

It reinforces Lewis’s argument that the Patient becomes “fully conscious” in the same instance that he fully embraces Christianity and sets aside corruption altogether—this again implies that Christianity is the religion of consciousness and rationality. It’s interesting that what might seem the cruelest fate for the Patient—a sudden death early in life—is actually a great blessing.”

I actually don’t see it as a blessing. It’s a blessing to die and be in the presence of the Lord, yes, but to have your life cut short, I don’t see that as a blessing. I don’t believe that God had anything to do it, other than allow it. I think these demons are a little confused.

For a Christian to die an untimely death like the Patient did, there had to have been an open door somewhere to have allowed him to die this way; like being at the wrong place at the wrong time when he should have been elsewhere. Christian or not, you can be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

The death of a Christian who walked a straight and narrow road is always a blessing in the after life, but the timing of death may not be God’s timing but rather a result of being out of God’s will at that moment. This is why even now, in this present day and time of Covid-19 pandemic, it’s very important for Christians to be led by the Holy Spirit in all they do on a straight and narrow road, and not rely on the secular natural rational and reason but rather be supernaturally motivated by faith and not by fear.

When the majority of those Christians around you are making decisions to trust the World Health Organization, instead of trusting God and what is written in His Holy Bible, it’s a clear sign for you to stand and not allow

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yourself to get out of God's will and end up in an untimely death as a result. This is once again all the more reason to be led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do or don't do on a daily basis.

In **John 7:1-10**, we see a great example of how Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit about where to be and when, and to not listen to even his own family who were trying to council Him. Are you getting a lot of advice out there today? Advice on how to heal in the midst of this pandemic, are your brothers and sisters giving you advice about your call and election and where you ought to be in life? Where you should be preaching? Are you receiving advice about how you ought not to preach? Well, Jesus' brothers were giving Him advice on how to run His ministry, they thought it was good advice, but it wasn't because they didn't believe in Him.

It says the following; *"1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the [a]Jews sought to kill Him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. 3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. 4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him. 6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to this feast. I am not [b]yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." 9 When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. 10 But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret."*

You're going to have to make some decisions, Christian, when you're being offered ungodly advice about how to run your ministry, about where you need to be speaking, and where you're not to be speaking, what you to speak about and not speak about. Put a guard over your heart.

This is a good example from our Lord himself, who was not led by the flesh but by the Spirit, which prevented untimely persecution and possible death. Jesus' brothers were offering Him advice in the flesh. A lot of Christians are getting out of God's will for their lives, and the door is wide open for the devil to rob, kill and destroy them before their time.

The death of the Patient is not a victory for Wormwood, in that he never accomplished robbing him of his soul, however he did cut short the call and election that this man could have fulfilled with a long life of service for the Lord which could have populated Heaven as a result of his Christian witness. Somehow, somehow, the Lord allowed a bomb to drop that kill him. Could it be that he got out of God's will, that he went to the wrong area of town where he shouldn't have been? That he didn't listen to the Holy Spirit to stay put while everyone else was telling him, 'no, go, you need to get out and help in this time of war, you're needed out there'? But the Holy Spirit was saying, 'no don't go'. Maybe he thought that his ministry was needed at a time when the bombs were being dropped all over England. Maybe the Patient got in the flesh, just putting it out there.

In our case here in Canada, the verbal and ideological bombs are being dropped by the World Health Organization and the World Economic Form, the bombardments of the Corona virus and the vaccine restrictions and on and on. Don't get in the flesh in your decision making but be led by the Holy Spirit. There will be times when the Lord will say, 'no, don't go there and no, don't do it', no matter how much you're called to do it, if the Holy Spirit says, 'no', then be obedient.

Screwtape continues to say; *"The more one thinks about it, the worse it becomes. He got through so easily! No gradual misgivings, no doctor's sentence, no nursing home, no operating theatre, no false hopes of life; sheer, instantaneous liberation. One moment it seemed to be all our world; the scream of bombs, the fall of houses, the stink and taste of high explosive on the lips and in the lungs, the feet burning with weariness, the heart cold with horrors, the brain reeling, the legs aching; next moment all this was gone, gone like a bad dream, never again to be of any account."*

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You may hear the council from preachers and church leaders saying, (who themselves have succumbed to this lie); ‘you need to get your vaccine passport in order to be able to travel and be effective in your ministry.’ But the Lord is saying, ‘don’t do it’. Regardless of the rational and reason, listen to the Holy Spirit and be obedient to Him. Regardless if it’s your livelihood, your ministry or what have you, don’t relinquish to ungodly council which will get you to compromise, don’t do it. Don’t listen to those who are giving council contrary to God’s word. Close the doors of your heart, mind, ears and eyes that would give access to ungodly media council, and turn on the Word of God. Stop listening to those who don’t even believe in you and your call and election.

Christian, no matter what your being bombarded with in the midst of this pandemic, you have to be led by the Spirit and not become another untimely death that we read about in the newspaper. Once again, it’s clear that the Patient did not fulfill his call on his life, regardless of how sudden and painless his death was and his entrance into Heaven instead of Hell, he still died an untimely death that could have been avoided had he been led by the Spirit and not by the flesh. What’s leading you today, Christian, the Holy Spirit or the world, the flesh and the devil? What advice are you following today?

The Word of God gives us clear scriptures that, as Christians, we’re promised long life, to fulfill all that God has called us to do; Psalm 91:16, Psalm 90:10, Ephesians 6:1-4, Exodus 23:25-26, Deuteronomy 5:33.

We read in **2 Chronicles 16:12-13** about the death of King Asa, who was a Godly King; *12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. 13 So Asa [a]rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.”*

It’s amazing to read that in his disease, he didn’t seek the Lord, although throughout his reign he sought the Lord in all he did. Why didn’t he do it now and as a result it cost him his life? He bypassed consulting the Lord about his diseased feet for two years, but sought the council of physicians, and he died. Had he consulted the Lord, he would have been healed by the Lord.

In another scripture in **Isaiah 38:1-5**, we read about a different Godly King, King Hezekiah, and his outcome was different from Asa’s because he had a different attitude; *“38 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’ ” 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, 3 and said, “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a [a]loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 And the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, 5 “Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years.”*

What’s the difference between King Asa and King Hezekiah? The latter sought the Lord, not seeking the physician of that day, even though the word was pronounced on him by the prophet Isaiah that he would die, when he cried out to the Lord, his life was extended.

Are you diseased today (by Corona virus), or have been given a death sentence (by Corona virus) and told to put your house in order? If so, there’s a right way to respond and a wrong way; the right way would be to seek God for your healing like Hezekiah and lived 15 more years, (or whatever God’s will be for your life), and the wrong way would be like that of Asa, who sought the physicians for healing and not God, and died.

If this is you, you need to seek the elders out in your church, have them anoint you with oil and pray the prayer of faith, and if there is any sin that needs to be confessed, confess it and be forgiven and healed. You need to get in God’s Word and meditate on healing scriptures. Turn off all the ungodly advice from family, friends, co-workers etc., and turn on the Bible and listen to healing scriptures. If you look at King Hezekiah and King Asa,

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it doesn't say that either the disease or time of death came upon them because they were evil, no, they were Godly men. Are you a Godly man or woman and Corona virus has hit you and now you're in ICU and dying? Now is not the time to seek secular advice, but be like Hezekiah, turn to Jesus and say; *"Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a [a]loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight."*

We're not discrediting doctors and physicians and the help they can and do give you, but during this pandemic particularly, way too many have bowed their knee to big pharma, the World Health Organizations and the World Economic Form, and have not had their patients best interest at hand, choosing to inject their patients with a substance which has had way too many deaths and adverse reactions, than to give other alternatives that can heal them within days or even to advise them not to take the vaccine.

Listen to God's advice in His Word for healing in your body if you have corona virus or have had the vaccine and have adverse affects. Ask Jesus to forgive you and He will, He's more than able to forgive you, but you need to turn your face to the wall like King Hezekiah, and He'll heal you. It's not God's will for you to die before your time.

You may have been following all the right advice, by not getting vaccinated, but maybe were at the wrong place at the wrong time and contracted the virus, just like the Patient in the story. Ask the Lord to heal you. Like I said last week, we know there is a global, devilish agenda to depopulate the world, and you, being innocent, have been affected by it. But you're not without hope, Jesus will heal you if you turn your face to Him, so you can fulfill God's plan for your life.

Like King Asa, how many Christians are putting their hope in their doctors for this Corona virus, and being vaccinated. How many will die untimely deaths because of it? You're supposed to be led by the Holy Spirit, not by ungodly council. Just like Jesus, the apostles and disciples were led by the Spirit and not the flesh, when at times the Spirit stopped them from going into certain places to minister. The Lord is trying to stop you today from going places where you're not supposed to go. Listen to His voice when He speaks and if He says, 'no' don't do this or that, don't do it or don't go, regardless of how great the advice sounds around you, 'no'.

What part of 'no', don't you understand? The bombs (bombardments) are dropping in that place today, Christian, don't go there, it could cost you your life, stay out of that home, don't go in it, stay home today, Christian. Turn the news off today, Christian, stop listening to ungodly advisers who are trying to get you to abort the call on your life.

We'll see it soon enough, the result of these vaccines, where people's health and immune systems have gone down hill to the point that they can't even fight off simple colds or flu's. Sickness and disease is going to be rampant because people's immune systems have been severely compromised. The Lord has warned them not to take the vaccine, but they've gone ahead. The Lord will heal you, but you need to repent for trusting the physician instead of Him. Run to Jesus today, let Him heal you.

It's not God's will that anyone perish, don't harden your heart, make things right with Him, let Him be Lord today, listen to His still small voice. Jesus says My sheep know My voice, and no other voice do they listen to, according to John 10:27. The times that we're living in right now worldwide, with the persecution coming on the church, the body of Christ, we have to be led by the Holy Spirit and not the flesh. Listen to Jesus' still small voice, which you know, which might be advising you contrary to what everyone else is telling you to do. Obey that voice so that it won't cost you your life and ministry.