

The background is a dark teal color with several large, irregular red splatters or paint strokes. In the center, there is a faint, ethereal, white figure that appears to be a person in a long, flowing garment, possibly a robe or a dress, standing with arms slightly out. The overall aesthetic is gritty and dramatic.

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Matthew 16:13-17

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When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

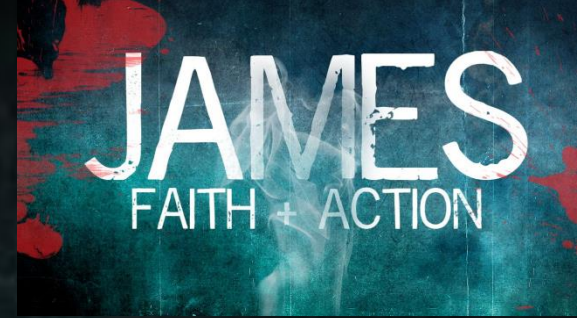
¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 16:21-23



From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

“It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick.

Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts,...Your affectionate uncle, Screwtape.”

— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

2 Timothy 3:1-5

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But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

“Surely you know that if a man can't be cured of churchgoing, the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that "suits" him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches. The search for a 'suitable' church makes the man a critic where the Enemy [God] wants him to be a pupil.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

Self-Focus destroys relationships

With others

With God

With Self

Prayers are uttered with no effect

Because they are filled with self-interest

Imperitives

Submit yourself to God

Resist the devil

Come near to God

Wash your hands

Purify your hearts

Grieve, Mourn and Wail

Change

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

“When He [God] talks of their losing their selves, He means only abandoning the clamour of self-will; once they have done that, He really gives them back all their personality, and boasts (I am afraid, sincerely) that when they are wholly His they will be more themselves than ever.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

“The humans live in time but our Enemy [God] destines them to eternity. He therefore, I believe, wants them to attend chiefly to two things, to eternity itself, and to that point of time which they call the Present. For the Present is the point at which time touches eternity..”

— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

“When they have really learned to love their neighbors as themselves, they will be allowed to love themselves as their neighbors.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

Earthly wisdom seeks self

Godly wisdom combines self and other

God desires to bring order to chaos.

Peace to turmoil

Tameness to uncontrolled