

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 31 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. poppet _____

2. whimpering _____

3. morsel _____

4. famine _____

5. agony _____

6. emerging _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

defiled, instantaneous liberation, outmanoeuvred, bottleneck, extraction, degradation, converse, cower, solitudes, evaded, prostration, analogy, transfinite, mawkish, claptrap

Bonus Vocabulary

ravenously

Comprehension Questions Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1. Why do you think Screwtape has signed each of his letters since the beginning of the book as “Your affectionate uncle”?

2. In your own words, describe the patient’s realization of Screwtape and Wormwood the moment he died.

(It is preferable to answer the above question verbally)

3. Why do you think Screwtape is so envious of Christians?

4. Who is Them in this sentence: “He saw not only Them; he saw Him.”

5. How does Lewis describe how They helped the patient in life?

6. How does Screwtape perceive the patient’s reaction upon entering heaven compared with Wormwood’s reaction?

7. Discuss: “If we could only find out what He is really up to! Alas, alas, that knowledge, in itself so hateful and mawkish a thing, should yet be necessary for Power!”

8. Why does Screwtape sign off his last letter with “Your increasingly and ravenously affectional uncle”?
