

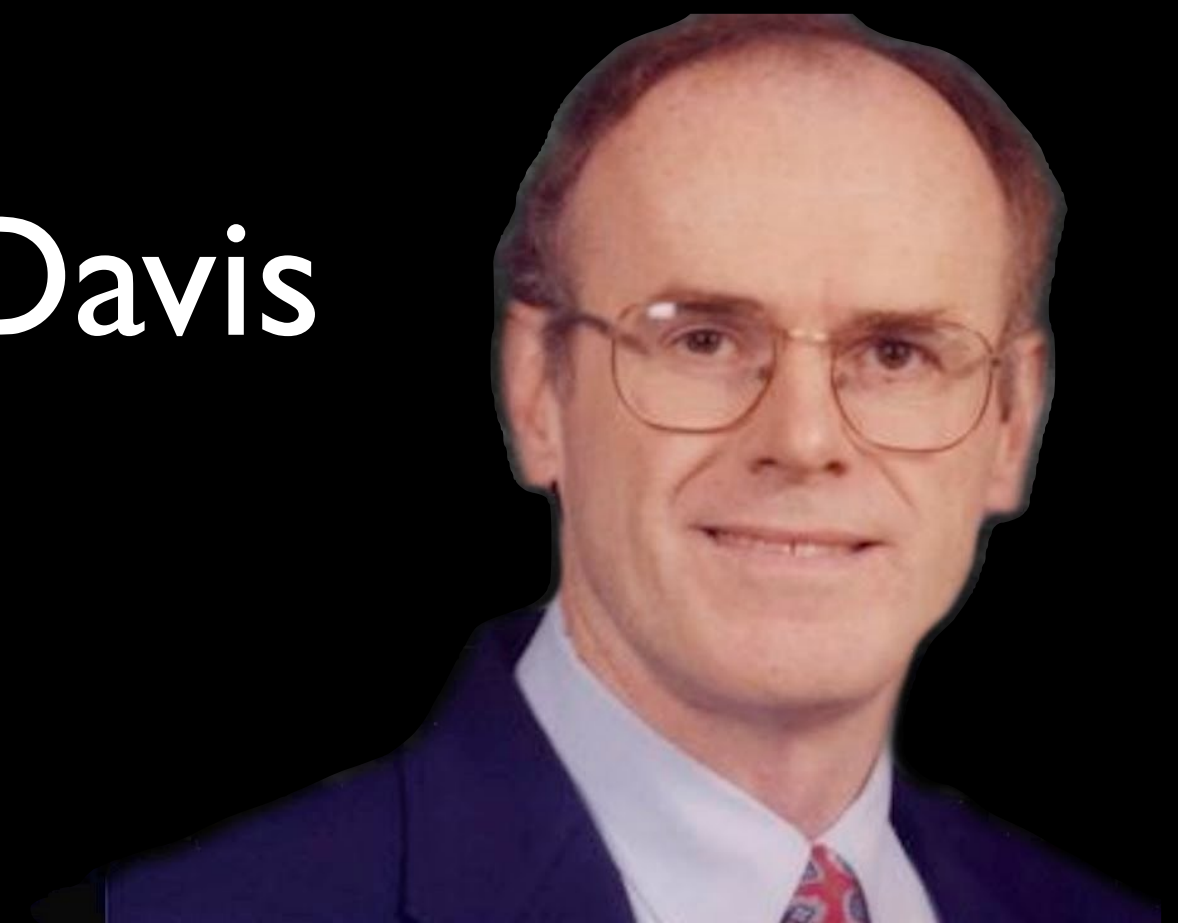


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— DANIEL —

“There are a number of good reasons
not to write an exposition of Daniel.
For one thing, going into print on the book of Daniel
makes it too easy for readers of whatever stripe
to assign one’s lot among either the kooks or the nincompoops.
The book is an interpretive minefield,
and wherever an author comes down on various questions
he or she is sure to disappoint people...”

- Dale Ralph Davis



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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the wine which he drank: therefore he
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that he might not defile himself
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the eunuchs.
10 And the prince
unto Daniel. I
who hath
your dining
face

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king had said he should bring them in,
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them in before Nebuchadnezzar
19 And the king communed
and among them all
like Daniel





“I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.”

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¹⁴ “But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, ¹⁵ if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, ¹⁶ then I will do this to you...

¹⁷ I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you...

³³ And I will scatter you among the nations...

- Leviticus 29:14-33





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Satan's Tactics:

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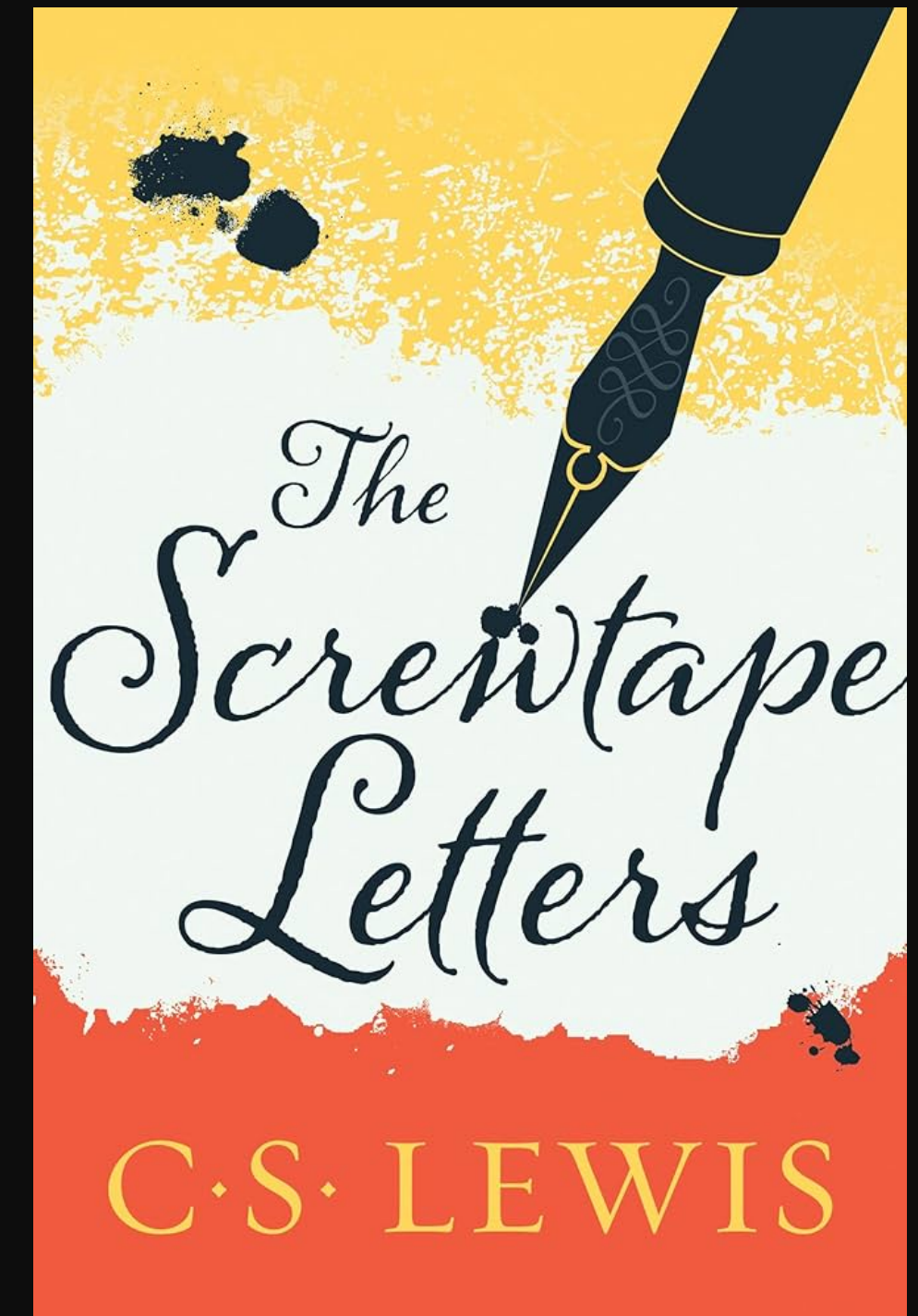
“You will say that these are very small sins; and doubtless, like all young tempters, you are anxious to be able to report spectacular wickedness.

But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy. 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.”

— Screwtape



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⁹ And God gave Daniel favor and compassion
in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,
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“I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink;
for why should he see that you were in worse condition
than the youths who are of your own age?
So you would endanger my head with the king.”

2. Faithfulness in Exile

- ¹¹ Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
- ¹² “Test your servants for ten days;
let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.
- ¹³ Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king’s food be observed by you,
and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

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¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter,
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Dare to be a Daniel

**Standing by a purpose true
Heeding God's command
Honour them, the faithful few
All hail to Daniel's b-a-n-d!**



***Dare to be a Daniel
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known.***

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Therefore they stood before the king.

²⁰ And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them,

he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers that were in all his kingdom.

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BEGIN with the end in mind



“...the reality is that our every experience in this world, from the apparently coincidental at one end of the spectrum, to the determined acts of wicked men and women on the other, lies under the control of our sovereign God...

No sinful act ever catches God by surprise or thwarts his sovereign will. Everything that we experience in life, no matter how difficult or apparently meaningless it may seem, is God's purpose for us....He has not abandoned or forgotten us.

On the contrary, he will walk through these trials and preserve us through them by his grace.”

- Iain Duguid





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