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Meaninglessness

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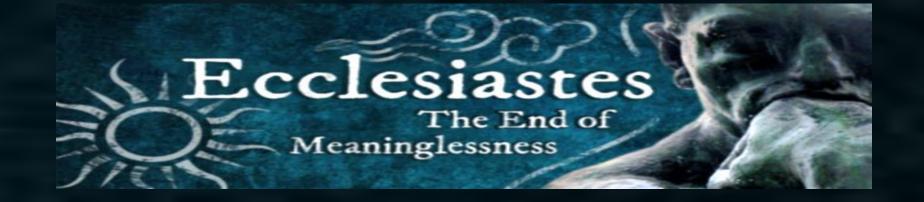




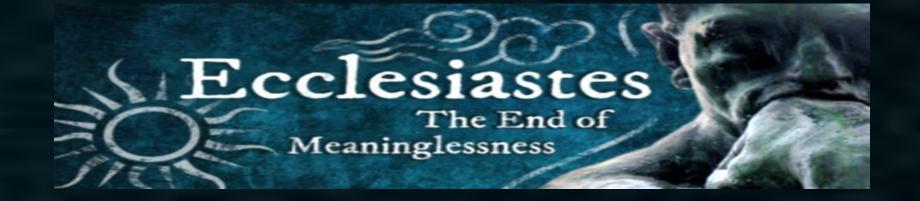








It is better to know the real God than my imagined god
It is better to know how He designed the world to work
It is better to know how He desires humanity to live



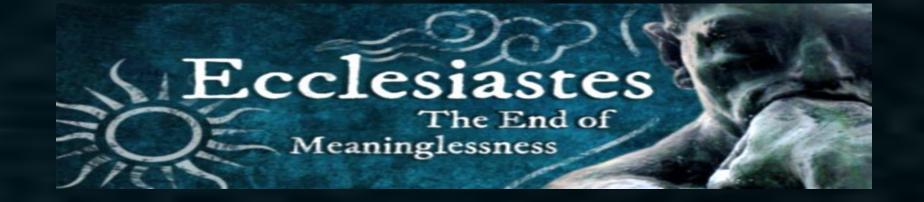
People are in pursuit of joy:

trying to buy it, manipulate the world for it

Joy comes due to a state of mind

that accepts the way of God

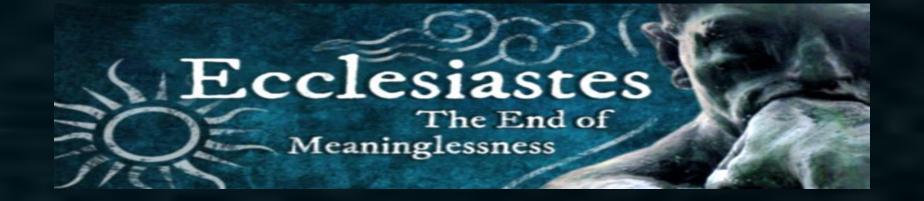
and the will of God



A good life stems from a good name:

Reputation built over a lifetime

A good life embraces the reality of birth and death



The fool consistently strives to ignore, sedate, and replace

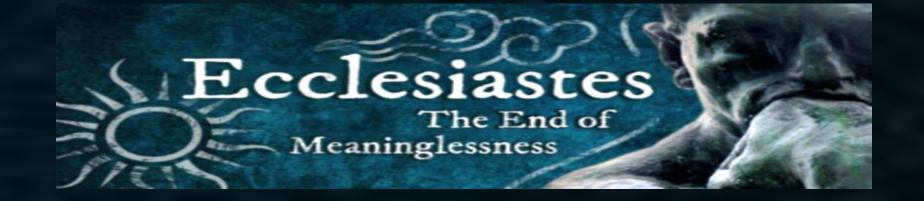
Using the temporal which is a temporary means to

distance and deny

Resist growth for the old days

Resist rebuke for the old ways

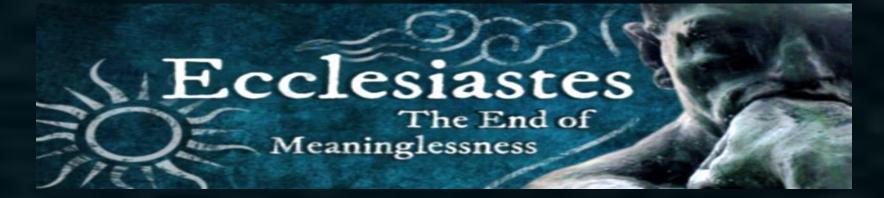
Resist patience for resulting in rage



The fool pursues what's believed to be life

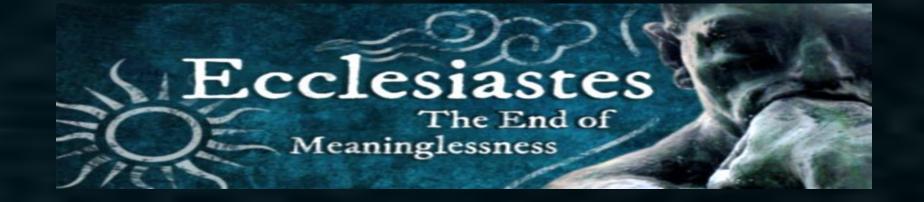
In reality it leads to destruction

It is a wide path, easily and much taken



Matthew 24:12-13

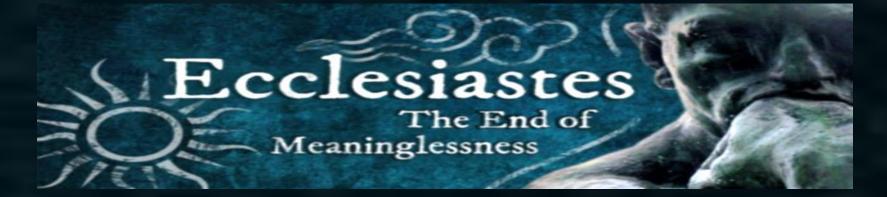
Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.



The wise pursues God's designed and desired way not joy

The wise understand that in accepting this way it results

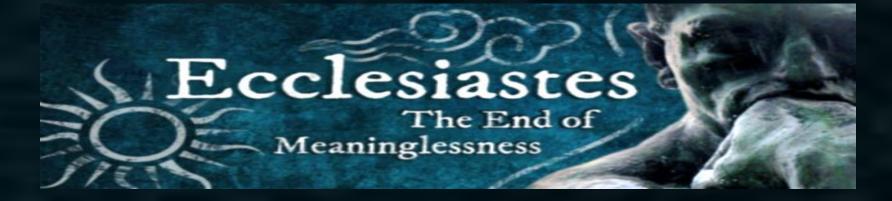
in greater appreciation when the joy is present



Hebrews 12:1-3

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

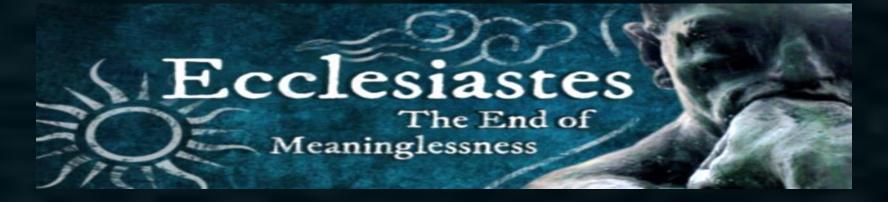
² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



Jesus' death undid folly with its misinformation

And its misdirection

Jesus' life, death and resurrection paved a way back into proximity with God



For people who will take the narrow path of Wise Living and Self-Sacrificial Loving

What needs to change?

Serve the kingdom ahead of self-serving