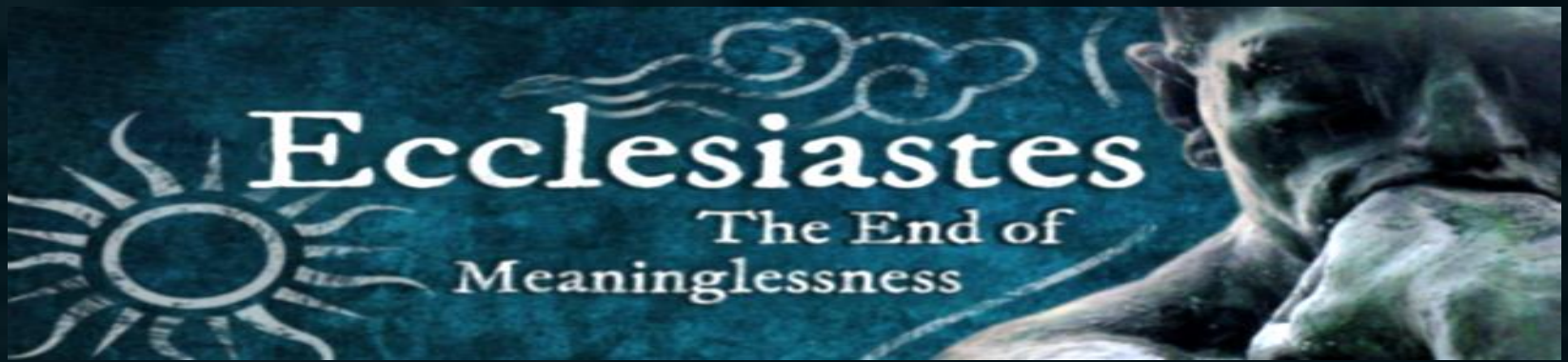


“Power is gasoline that is thrown on the fire of our ordinary self-worship, turning it into a blazing inferno. Out of the fire all too often steps a god, risen from the ashes of humanity, and these megalomaniacs gods do great harm. They even take names for themselves like Ghengis Khan:” universal ruler”, or “divine Caesar”

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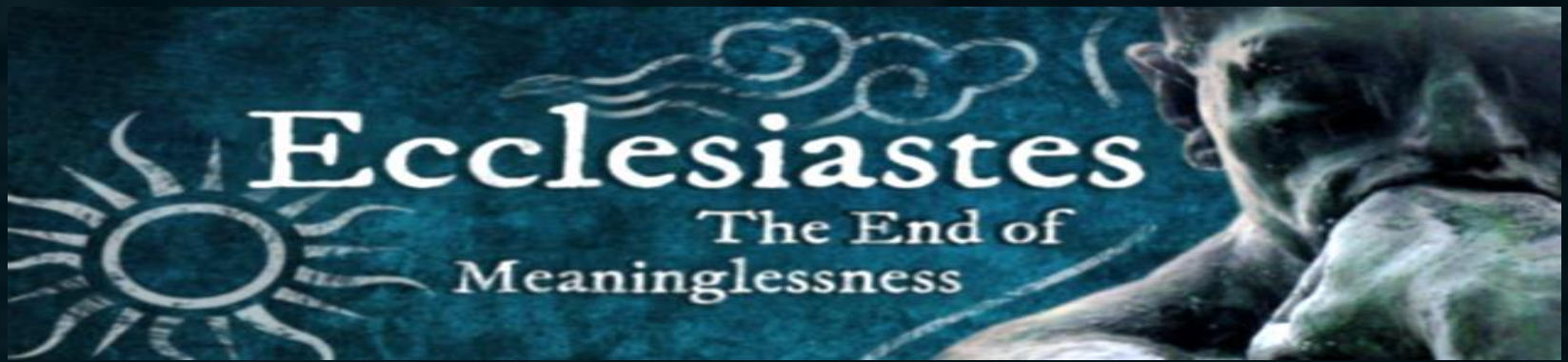


People don't want to be controlled

Most don't want to be led

What am I gaining by all my controlling

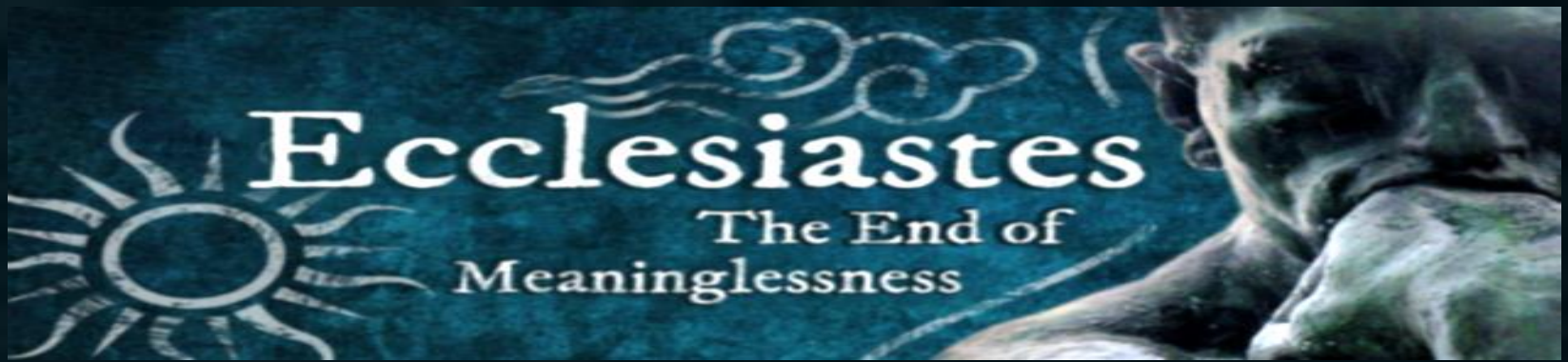
What is it costing



Submission:

Yielding to a superior force

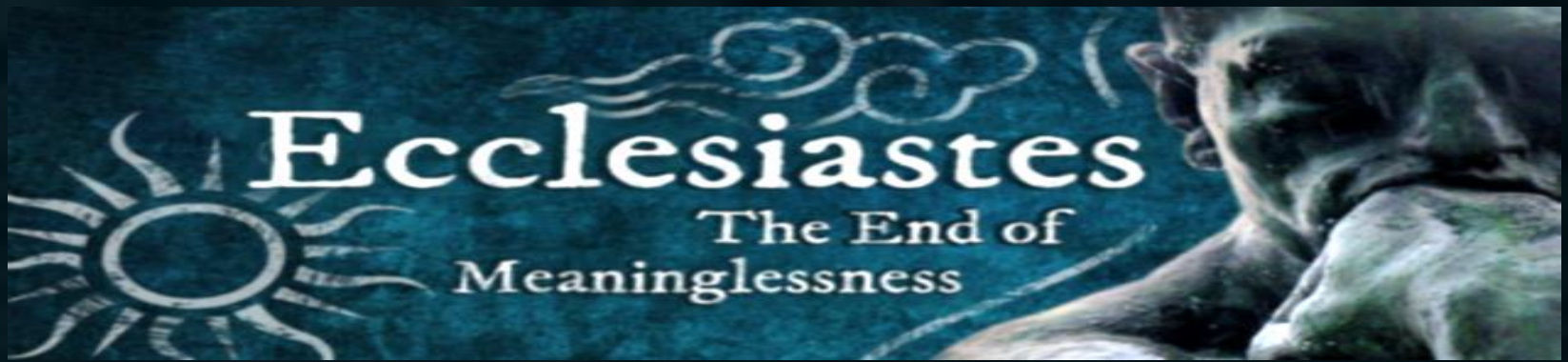
To Place Myself Under Subjection



What if you accepted you don't know the future
nor whether things will turn out good or bad?

What if you accepted the limits of your control?

What if you accepted the limits of your wisdom?

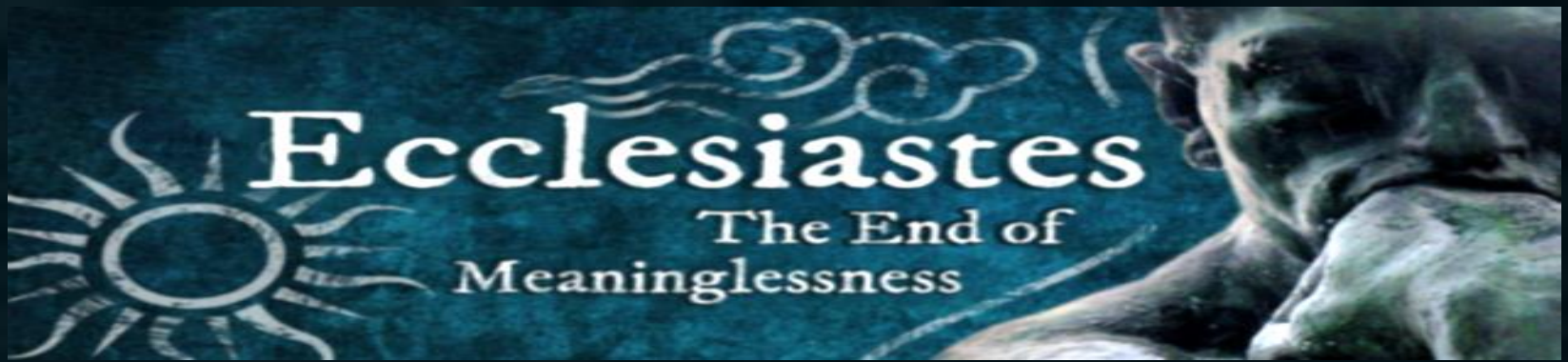


What if your controlling lead to a long miserable life?

What if your submission lead to a short content life?

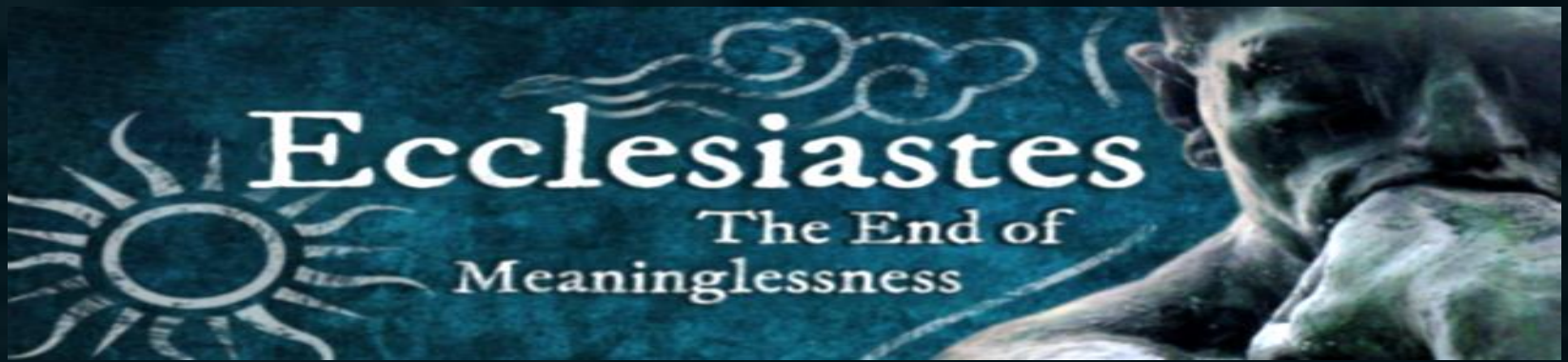
What if you get what the wicked deserve?

What if you accepted that as you gain wisdom you will know the proper time and procedure in which to act?



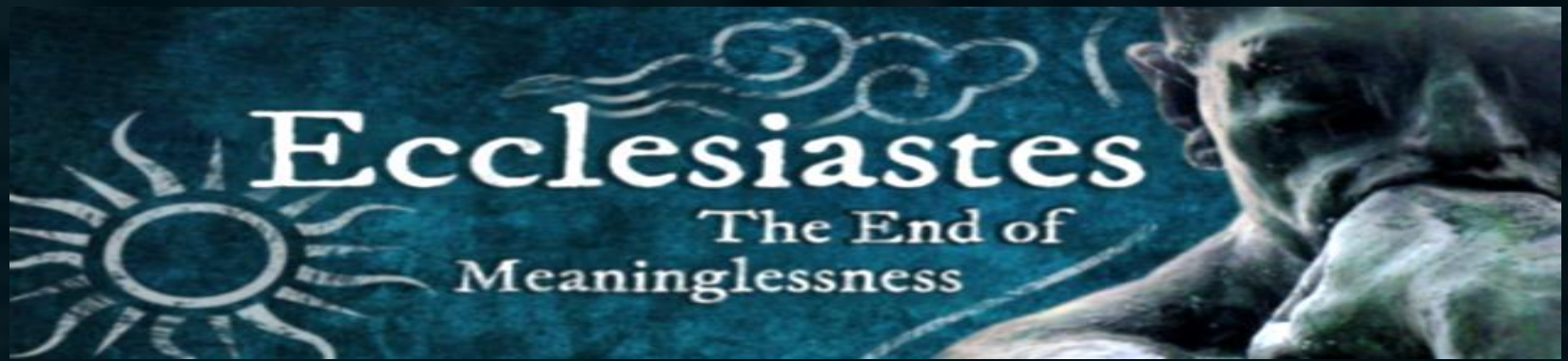
Jesus enters humanity's foolishness.

Jesus agonizes that folly will end in death
when life is right before humanity



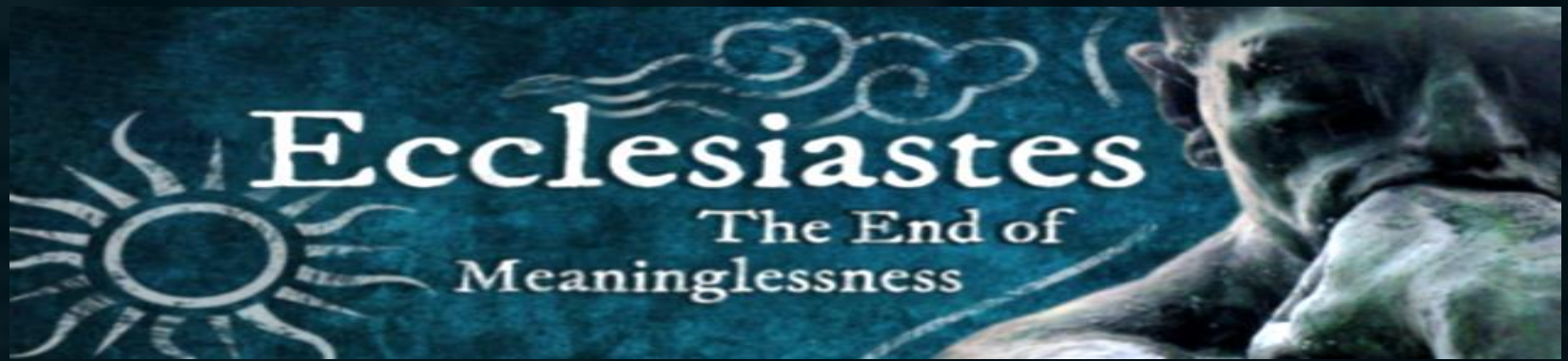
Jesus Knew When To Stand

Jesus Knew When To Kneel



John 10:16-21

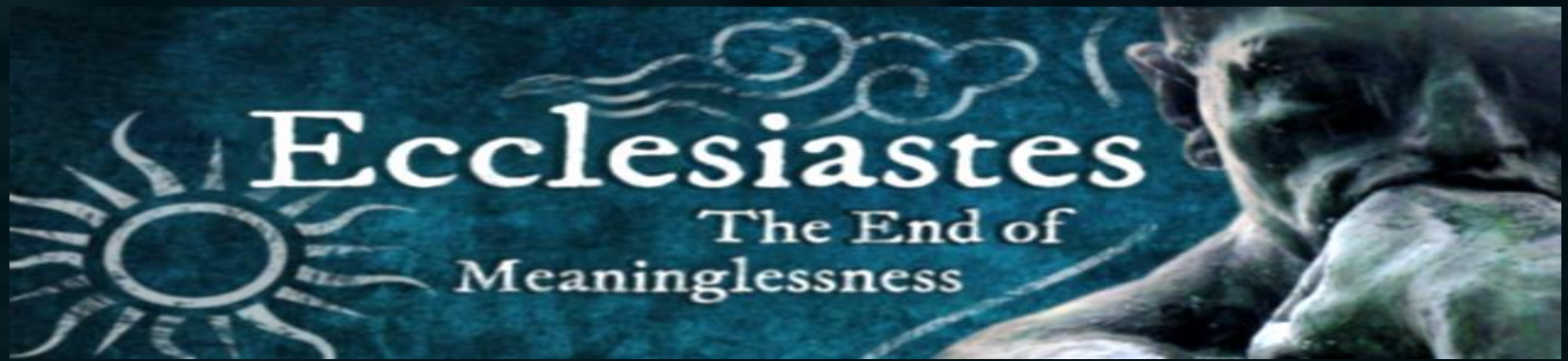
I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”



John 10:16-21

¹⁹ The Jews who heard these words were again divided. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”

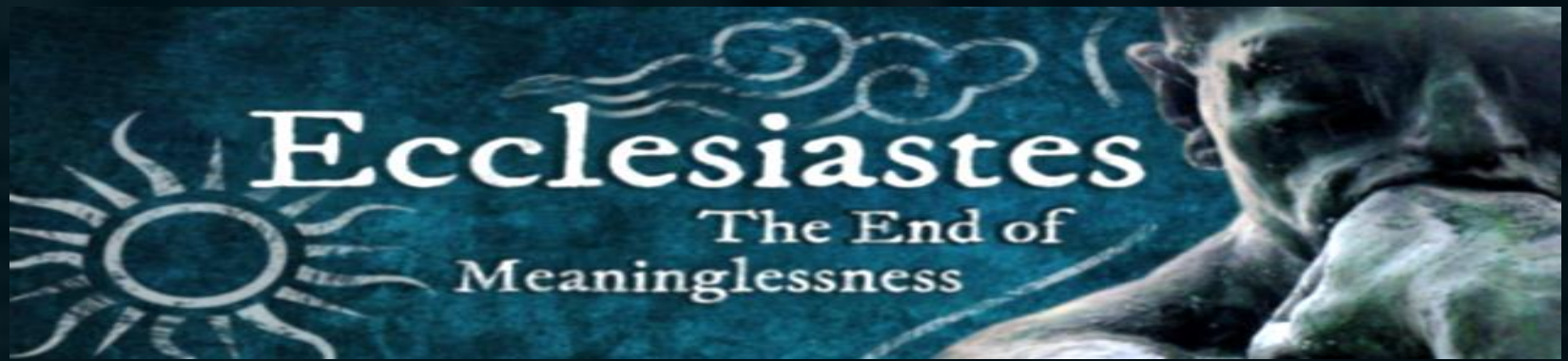
²¹ But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”



John 19:10-12

“Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said.

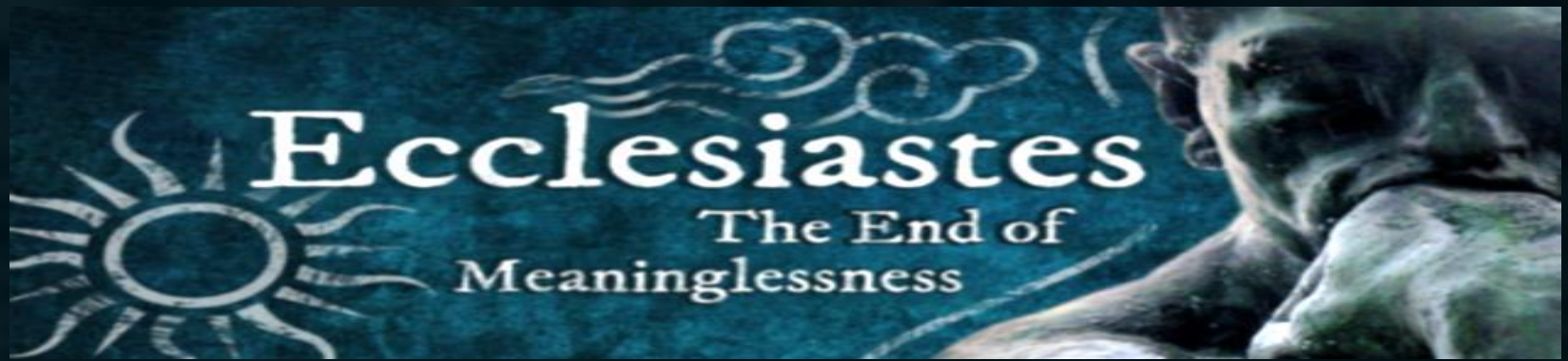
“Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”



John 19:10-12

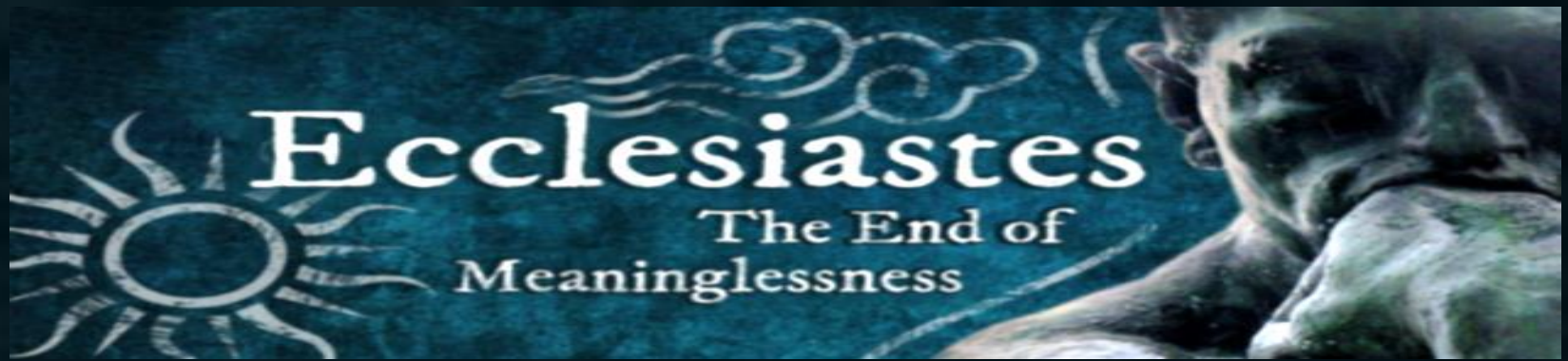
¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”



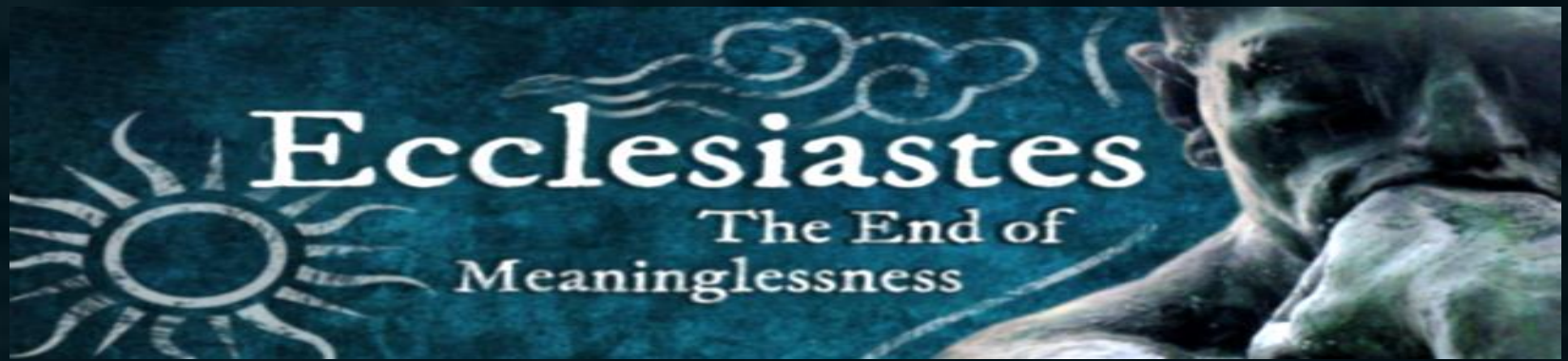
James 4:1-10

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



James 4:1-10

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

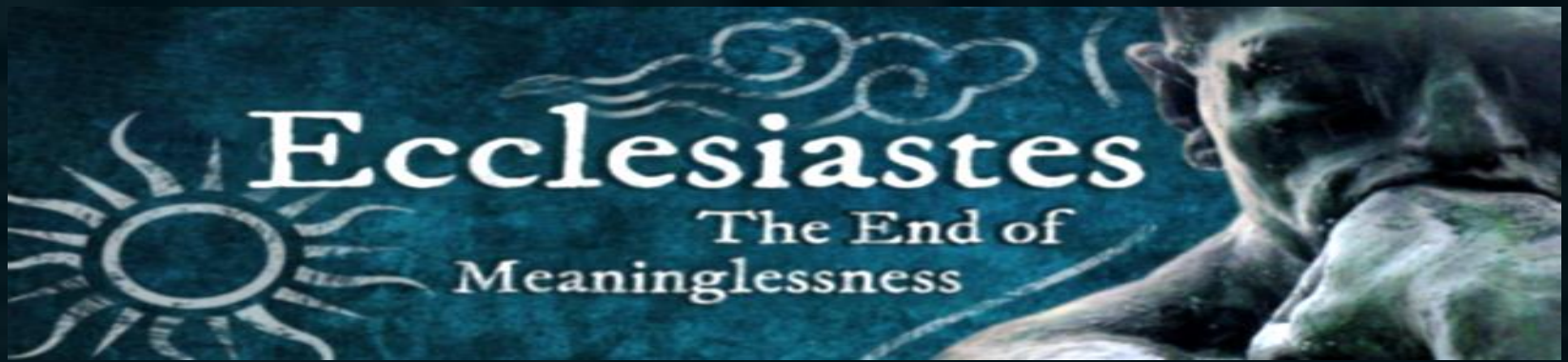


James 4:1-10

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



What are you trying to control?

What are you Standing For?

What are you Kneeling For?