



7 "TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA WRITE:

THE
WORDS OF HIM WHO IS HOLY AND TRUE, WHO HOLDS THE KEY OF DAVID. WHAT HE OPENS NO ONE

BOOK

of

ECCLESIASTES

GOD ALONE HOLDS THE KEY
TO LIFE'S MEANING

...ING TO COME UPON THE WHOLE WORLD TO TEST THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE EARTH. I I AM
...AINO... TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE WILL TAKE YOUR CROWN. 12 HIM WHO OVERCOMES

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS,
WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT
CHAPTER.

I HAVE A
QUESTION.

CERTAINLY,
CALVIN.
WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S THE
POINT OF
HUMAN
EXISTENCE?

I MEANT ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

OH.

FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO HAVE
THE ISSUE RESOLVED BEFORE
I EXPEND ANY MORE ENERGY
ON THIS.

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The book of Ecclesiastes addresses both of these wrong-headed ideas, inviting us instead to a life of joyful dependence upon God.



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God has a life for his people beyond this life.



Live now. Live forever.

MISS WORMWOOD,
I HAVE A
QUESTION ABOUT
THIS MATH
LESSON.

YES?



GIVEN THAT, SOONER OR
LATER, WE'RE ALL JUST
GOING TO DIE, WHAT'S
THE POINT OF LEARNING
ABOUT INTEGERS?



TURN TO
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CLASS.



NOBODY LIKES US
"BIG PICTURE"
PEOPLE.



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DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT. KNOW THAT YOU HAVE LITTLE STRONGholds, YET YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE
NOT DENIED MY NAME. 9 I WILL MAKE THOSE WHO ARE OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, WHO CLAIM TO BE JEWS THOUGH

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