

## **190925-4 Doctrine Series, Christ, God Sustains the Global Climate-CThurman**

### 60. God Sustains the Global Climate\*

The modern (20th and 21st centuries) man-made climate change movement (commonly known as global warming) is a lie. The LORD set the seasons in their places declaring that “while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease;” therefore, there is no such thing as man-made climate change.

*Ge.8:22; Ps.74:17; Col.1:16, 17.*

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Will you prayerfully listen to this message which concerns to topic of a changing global climate? We are living in a day when it is almost unlawful to publically deny climate change. The numbers that support this doctrine are increasing and they take it very seriously. So we should also take this matter very seriously, but for another reason.

The Bible tells us that the scheme (*σχῆμα*), the *fashion* or present form of this world is passing away. (cf.1Co.7.31) Evolution, globalism, and climate change are all a part of the fashion of this present age or world system. It directly contradicts God and His word. In a single statement this is the doctrine of the world.

Man, through his natural reason concludes that since the origination of this world was by pure chance (evolution) then man alone must unite together (globalism) to do all that he can to help ensure that this world continues to exist for posterity (via climate change regulation).

Such an expression represents the wisdom of this world, and is a complete rejection of the Divine revelation of God. This is foolishness with God. (cf. 1Co.1.20) And it ought to be foolishness to every child of God too. It is certain that ... *the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.* (1Co 1:25)

Because God is not honored as the Creator, He gives up man to follow after his vain imaginations. Though man claims that he is improving, he is not. Humanity has not become better, but worse. But for the time of the history of Noah’s day,

mankind has never been so corrupt, defiled, morally putrid. (cf. Re.11.8, destroys means *corrupts* ... morally) Yes, we have read of societies (Sodom & Gomorrah, Ge.19.13; Nineveh, Jon.3.4; and the six nations the LORD would remove from the land of Israel, Lev.18.24, 28) that have worshipped the creation and the creature rather than God, but not on a world scale as we are witnessing today.

*Lu 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*

In the last days, the global society of men and women which are *fashioned* after the lusts of this world are completely unregulated, marked by having *unnatural* lusts one toward one another. (cf. 2Ti.3.1-4)

*Ro.1.20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain (useless, ματαιόω, Ja.1.26, the noun μάταιος, means useless) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

*23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

*24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves ...*

The saints of God today are witnessing the sudden, radical upsurge of a new global society. Evolution & climate change are part of the doctrines of this New World Order, or as it is otherwise called, *globalism*. Man has usurped the place of God by thinking that the destiny of the world is in his hands. He is implementing policies on a global scale that affects population growth, of which abortion and euthanasia are a part. This whole scheme is the globalists' attempt to reduce the size of man's *carbon footprint*. The globalist assumes, from a Godless viewpoint, that since most or all of earth's problems are direct consequences of man's actions, then if man's impact on the earth can be minimized, the earth, its people, and its climate should all improve. If you've listened at all to what globalists say,

man is the reason for all of these problems: scorching heat and deep freezing temperatures, draughts & floods; hurricanes & tornados, rising sea levels, melting glaciers and sea ice, diseases & air pollution. I am not denying that the actions of men can adversely effect some areas, but I deny that it reaches to a global scale? That's the real question before us: can man really affect the world on a global scale?

Is climate change real? Follow me through this logic for a moment. Is it true that the world can become better if man simply reduces his carbon footprint on the earth? Will burning less fossil fuels, eating more greens and less meats, limiting the family sizes, eliminating the elderly and disabled because they lack a certain *quality of life*, moving everyone into cities, etc. fix what is wrong with this planet? It seems to me that like evolution, climate change pushes God further from the minds of men. How? According to the Scriptures catastrophic events are acts of God, judgments designed either to move whole societies of natural man to repentance (thus reigning in their exceeding sinfulness) or to completely destroy them.

First of all, the Bible teaches that the LORD, not man, causes draughts & famines, pestilences & diseases, winds & storms, and earthquakes. If we consider the nation of Egypt during the time when the Israelites were in bondage to them, all of those plagues (water to blood, frogs, lice, diseases upon beast and men, hail, locusts, thick darkness, and the death of all of Egypt's firstborn) were a result of God's judgments to move Egypt to repent and do what was the will of God: to release the children of Israel so that they could serve the LORD. The pattern of Scripture is that God brings general judgments upon men through means of natural disasters so that they repent from their societal immorality. The LORD might also send a messenger to warn men of coming judgment. (This has nothing to do with faith in Christ. It is God regulating the society of natural, unregenerate man. In this way the LORD stymies the natural bent to corruption. And as man continues, after some time, ultimately he judges and even destroys them.)

(For an example of this read Jonah chapter 3)

In Joseph's day a couple of Pharaoh's servants began to have dreams. These dreams the LORD used to elevate Joseph to a place of great authority.

*Ge.41.25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.*

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*38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?*

*39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*

*40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.*

Through Joseph's direction the time of plenty put Egypt into a predominate place among the other nations. The time of famine was what caused Jacob and his family to come down into Egypt, discover that Joseph was alive and to be preserved through that famine.

*Ge.42.1 ¶ Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?*

*2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.*

*3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.*

The LORD sends the stormy winds and seas, earthquakes, plagues and pestilence against men. Not once does the word of God say that man was the cause of any of these things.

*2Chr.7.12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.*

*13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people ...*

*Ps.107.23 ¶ They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;*

*24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.*

*25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.*

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*29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.*

*Heb 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.*

*Ps.89.8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?*

*9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.*

(Job chapter 38 witnesses to the power of God, not man, concerning the wonderful issues in heaven and in earth.)

*Job 9.4 He (God) is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?*

*5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.*

*6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.*

*Jer 10:12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.*

*13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.*

All of these things are causes of God.

A couple of statistics to show the influence that false science has upon the unbelieving world. These figures are taken from a report from the "Population Division" of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs: In 1960 it is reported that 33% of the world's population lived in the cities. Today that number has climbed to just over 55%. In the next decades this number is forecast to reach nearly 70%. So even now, most of the world's population lives in big cities. With this in mind the majority of the world's population is biased to think that their experience is the world's experience. For example, they suppose that the world is overpopulated because they live in areas that are overcrowded.

But that is simply untrue. Much of the same can be said about rising temperatures, bad winds, draught conditions, floods, etc.

There is no denying that man may do bad things and adversely affect areas where we live. It is to be expected that when areas are clear-cut of trees, sidewalks are poured and pavement is rolled out, driving cars, operating factories, heating & cooling all of the buildings, that there will be an affect to that area. We can expect changes in the air-quality, waterways, winds, and temperatures. But this is not proof of a change in the earth's global climate. The truth is that the LORD brought this universe into existence; He keeps it together; and when He is ready He will bring it to an end.

The Creation Created:

*Ex 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

The Creation Maintained:

*Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

The Creation Destroyed:

*2Pe.3.10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

The sun, moon, and stars were set in the firmament of heaven. They will not be moved but by the power of God.

*Jer.31.35 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:*

*36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.*

The seas have their appointed place. They cannot go any further.

*Job 38.11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?*

God promised the continuance of the seasons of the year.

*Ge 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

Everything that exists continues because the LORD supports it.

*Col 1:17 ... by him all things consist.*

*consist, συνέστηκε, 3ps.perf. ind. of συνίστημι, σύν together, with + ἵστημι to appoint, establish, set, stand.*

*Ne 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*

*Ps.36.6 Thy (the LORD's) righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.*

These things are easy enough for every child of God to understand if they will believe what they read in the Bible. However, it should come as no surprise to them that the world is opposed to the word of God. Nothing of God's creation shall fail until that time when He has determined to remove it.

*Ps.102.25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*

*26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:*

*27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*

*28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.*

There is coming a day when there will be more than a global fire. There is coming a day when the heavens and the earth shall be burned up. But it won't be by the hands of men. No, man will not destroy himself. God alone will bring it to pass. Are we ready for that time?

*2Pe.3.8 ¶ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

*9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

*10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

*11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

*12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

*13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

*14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

Have we believed that Jesus is the Son of God come to die in my place for sins? There is a wrath to come from which we should flee. Jesus Christ is that only safe haven to find shelter. Believe that He died for your sins; confess Him as the only Savior of men and you shall be saved! After professing faith in Christ, be baptized.

In a picture it represents that you died with Christ when He died; that you were buried with Him when His body was placed in that borrowed tomb; and that you raised in newness of life when He raised bodily from the dead.

If you have believed to the saving of the soul you will have a sense of cleanness before God that you've never sensed before because Christ has forgiven all your

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sins and cleansed you from all unrighteousness. Now you will have a hunger for knowing what God's word teaches. You will want to identify with the people of God. There's no question about it. Follow Christ until He comes again!

This church's doctrinal position is that the global climate change is a lie. It is the correct doctrinal position for every one of the Lord's churches to take.