

“Should We Worry About Climate Change?”

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Climate Change is the buzz word of the modern day. It seems like any time the US Senate or House wants to pass a new spending bill they attach a rider with a “climate change” or something green to the pages. And then the bill passes with hardly a question.

All around us folks are frightened by the prospect of climate changes and what it might do for the future of our earth, our children and grandchildren. I have been hearing the fear-warnings all my life about how few years we have on this earth to correct the problems of greenhouse gasses and CO2 emissions, etc. Some have placed a modern “doomsday” in as near of the future as 5 to 10 years. But we have outlived many a doomsday deadline within our lifetime.

Then there are those who blame modern disasters on climate change: hurricanes, tornados, tsunamis, earthquakes and other of nature’s surprises they blame on climate changes. Fear

grips the hearts of many folks today as they contemplate what to do about the weather or unusual patterns in modern day storms. Blame is placed on human factors: use of fossil fuels, pollution of the environment, over population, use of non-organic chemicals, failure to use natural energy resources, bad political choices, and almost any modern day phenomena.

But what should the Christian response be to the supposed threat of Climate Change? Is modern “science” correct and the earth as we know it about ready to end? What should be our theological base for concern over our environment? The Bible is our only source of reference. After all, none of us were here when this all began; but God was and has recorded it all in Genesis 1-2. Also, God will be here when it all ends and we inhabit a New Heaven and a New Earth -2 Peter 3:10-13. Scripture also assures us that this present earth will go on for at least 1,000 more years according to Revelation chapter 20. From a theological perspective we should not worry.

Carter LeCraw in *Cornwall Alliance*, May 22, 2024, lists seven biblical premises that ought to absolutely lessen our fears. These facts worth remembering are coming from the Word of a God, who was here in the beginning, and will be in the end too! -Rev.1:17-18:

Premise #1 – Earth has lasting foundations. “He (God) laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever” –Psalm 104:5. God built the earth, including its climate, to last a LONG time.

Premise #2 – What God created was good. “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good” –Genesis 1:31. God made CO2 with valuable attributes including being an essential fuel for the green plants we enjoy and those that feed us.

Premise #3 – There is room for billions. *Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth” –God’s command –Genesis 1:22.* If a loving God wanted to fill

the earth with people, surely He created a climate that could handle billions. Yes!

Premise #4 – The balance of CO2 and O2. “Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge?” Job 37:16. People, animals, and fossil fuels use O2 and emit CO2, Plants use CO2 and emit O2. What an amazing automatic balancing system!

Premise #5 – Oceans have boundaries. “I have placed the sand as a boundary for the sea, an eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it. Though the waves toss. Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it” –Jeremiah 5:22. God will not allow the sea to flood our coast lands. God’s covenant with Noah was to never again flood the earth. Flooding of the earth will never happen again according to Genesis 8:21-22; 9:15. We have God’s covenant promise and a sign, His rainbow.

Premise #6 – God gave us fossil fuels. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” –James 1:17. Did God give us a HUGE amount of oil and natural gas and then tell us not to use it? Inconceivable!

Premise #7 – God remains active. “He causes the grass to grow for the cattle and vegetation for the labor of man, so that he can bring forth food from the earth ...making man’s heart glad” –Psalm 104:15-16. God remains actively working to keep our climate healthy. –Excerpts from *Cornwall Alliance* article

With infinite wisdom and mercy God has created and maintained our earth, along with its climate. His work is stable and He is still involved in holding all things together (Colossians 1:17) until the finish of His eternal program. He will remain active in the management of earth and its environment for our benefit. Of course, we have an important responsibility to wisely manage the resources God has provided, as Christians and stewards. But it is comforting to know that an all-loving, all-powerful God is actively overseeing His creation. Know also that God promises us a plan for a blessed future for this earth and for His people too!



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Is your “Promised Land” here on Earth?

Joseph... with all the wealth and prestige that being the top ruler in Egypt could bring, was living in the most affluent fertile suburb in the Nile Delta (Goshen),

Having the respect and admiration of the Pharaohs and the people of the land,

He had gained the financial stability of the world’s best economic base in Egypt.

In order to confirm God’s promises and the hope of his brethren, to draw their hearts away from Goshen to the land of promise,

Joseph stated emphatically before he died: “God will surely bring you out of this land unto the land that He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob...and you shall carry my bones from here.” –Genesis 50:24-25

Had Joseph really loved Egypt, he could have built himself a great pyramid as a burial shrine there, but his heart was in the land of (God’s) promise!

“By faith Joseph when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.” –Hebrews 11:22

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” –Matthew 6:21. -Words of Jesus



Cherry Mousse

- 1-2 Tablespoons of Cherry Gelatin (Jello) Powder
- 1 Can (14 oz.) Tart Pitted Cherries
- 1 Carton (8 oz.) Cool Whip thawed (can use low fat)

In a bowl, combine Gelatin Powder with Cherries, fold in the Cool Whip. This can be served immediately or it can be done earlier and refrigerated until ready to use. Serves four.

Quick, easy, refreshing for a hot July day!



Greasy drains usually respond to this treatment: Pour in a half cup of salt and a half cup of Baking Soda, followed by a teakettle of boiling water. Allow to sit overnight if possible before flushing with hot tap water.

A room will have a natural focal point if you paint only one inner wall with a darker color. One can use a darker contrasting color on only one wall to accent three walls of off-white color. Perhaps a bedroom at the head of the bed, or inner wall of a living room.

A small room will appear larger if you install mirrors on one wall to reflect the rest of the room.

Use lighter color paint in a small room will make it appear larger.

To give a room a soft glow, focus light on objects in a room instead of the whole room. For example, spotlight a piece of art or a bookcase.

An old piece of garden hose slit open on one side makes a handy protective cover for the teeth of a hand saw being stored between projects.

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"Then said Jesus to those who believed on Him: If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

-John 8:31-32

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Rev. David J. Bauer's BRM Itinerary



July 28 at 9:30 a.m. Worship -Devon Church, Chicago
Rev. David Bauer

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 - >Dr. Al Carsen, Sr. BRM Associate - Pastor of Merson Church, Merson, MI
 - >Dr. Joe Stewart, BRM Associate - Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Dallas City, IL
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The Lighter Side: Signs in Front of Restaurants:

Fat People are harder to kidnap! Stay safe! Eat lots here!

EAT HERE Or we will both starve! –The Owner

An apple a day keeps anyone away...If you throw it hard enough.

Restaurant with bowl of water on pavement.

WATER FOR YOUR DOG...Or short people with low standards. We don't judge!

Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say: "I know it's hard. You're going to be okay. Here's a coffee and 5 million dollars!"

Unattended children will be given an espresso and a free kitten!

All Americans must be accompanied by an adult.

Pilates? I thought you said PIE and LATTES.

BRM Field Report #7

June has been a busy month, with preaching as well as advising churches in testing situations.

Rev. Bauer was able to preach in a local church where he had not filled a pulpit before. We were well received and renewed friendships with a number of dear folks from our past ministries.

We also traveled to Warsaw, Indiana to minister morning and evening services in a church looking at a possible pastoral candidate. We had good contact with the elders and leaders of the church, offering counsel where needed.

We have been advising two churches on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in their recent search for pastors. Both churches are healthy with good members and boards. We counseled these churches to take their time and use Interim Pastors to lead them through defining times.

We received an email from a board member of a church in Washington State, also looking for pastoral candidates. We try to put churches such as these in touch with other friends in the area. We currently have a few contacts in Washington State.

It is great to hear from a couple churches looking for a senior pastor that they are at last interviewing possible candidates. God sends these contacts as He wills. And we must leave the choice to Him!

We ended the month of June by attending the Grace Conference at Quentin Road Baptist Church. We put up a BRM display with samples of our literature. We have many independent Baptist friends, and it is great fellowship to meet new ones, and attend ministry workshops offered at this annual event!

Congratulations to our office worker, David (and Catherine) Strubing on the marriage of Sarah Grace Strubing to Michael John Brogan, June 28.

With many letters and emails coming in it's like being a pastor to 2,000 people. We minister to many needs of folks regularly. Thanks for praying!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer Titus 2:11-13

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