



Global Warming?

by Mark Bridges



Ok, I'm no scientist, expert in air quality, not even a jack-of-all-trades. I have stayed at a Holiday Inn Express before, so here we go!

Well educated people, politicians, scientists, even 12-year-old kids are talking global warming. I've heard politicians say we have about 12 years left to fix the problem or else. I've checked the Internet and it's loaded with everything you need to know about this theory. They go all the way back in history (as far as we've kept records — 1800's) that show the temperature is on the rise and icebergs are melting.

The temperature may be on the rise, and I have no problem with that, or new fuels like wind, solar, or whatever the next best thing could be. My issue with this theory is it sounds like they're saying we're in charge of this globe and we can control the thermostat. I know in this past year we've heard the experts say "follow the science," I understand some of that, but science tells us the earth is billions of years old too, so there you go with science.

Let's let our Bible knowledge take us down another road, for instance, the book of Job. Most know the story of Job and his faith and the trials he went through and his complaining about his problems. In chapter 38 God had to remind Job of a few things.

"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know!" I suggest reading this whole chapter to have a better understanding of who's in charge of this Globe, sounds like the builder. Maybe we need to remind those (that have become "futile in their thoughts, and professing to be wise") who have their finger on the thermostat.

Ok, I'm no English scholar or a word-smith either, but here's another point to ponder! I notice the scripture that talks about God's promise is not slack, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. (Genesis 8:22) Our season!

In 2 Peter 3:6-7 "... by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Preserved: conserve, protect, maintain, take care of, look after, save, safeguard, keep guard, protect, defend, secure, shelter, shield, screen, watch over.

Reserved: put aside, set aside, lay aside, keep back, save, keep in reserve, hold back, retain, put away, withhold, arrange for, prearrange for, secure; charter, hire; retain, keep, hold, secure, defer, postpone, delay.

If I understand these words correctly, God has done the same thing my mother used to do with the pears we picked in the summer. She would preserve those pears for us to eat some other day in the future, and we did. (Pear tarts! UNREAL!) God has made a reservation for the end of the world, and this scripture also says it's preserved until then.

I know these words may not explain the rise and fall of the earth's temperature ... but the thought that WE are controlling the thermostat? No!

Stop and think about it. A lot of things in this life can be made simple by using the scripture and common sense, by taking greed, selfishness, money (*the love of*), bribes, man's ego, and power out of the equation.

Also remember it was the religious leaders and experts of the Old Law that rejected Jesus and His Disciples. Something to think about! Remember these words, *"the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."* (1 Corinthians 3:19).

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"... power belongs to God." - Psalm 62:11 (NASV)

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: For EVERYONE in ALL of our assemblies whether seated in the auditorium or the balcony.

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY: Has not been televised recently due to WTOV, Channel 9, Steubenville having been hacked. A new computer system is in place and a resolution to programming issues is ongoing.

CHESTER WATER OUTAGE: Scheduled for tomorrow, Nov. 15th, 4 to 10 p.m. to replace fire hydrants. Boil order following outage.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes this Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 7:00 p.m. and each Tuesday thereafter including Nov. 23rd and Nov. 30th which were inadvertently omitted from the November calendar.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Tucker DeLong (Barb DeLong's grandson) has suffered a broken arm - treatment at **Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.** **CITY HOSPITAL:** Linda Morgan (sister of Nancy Hadley). **WEIRTON MEDICAL CENTER:** Melvin "Pete" Reed. **SHARPE HOSPITAL, WESTON, WV:** Claudette Miller. **AT HOME:** Noni Scadden, Andrew Malcomson & sons (Covid), Lois Hissom, Marilyn Miller, Randy Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Jean Haught (Skip's mother), Dana & Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

10 Great "I Statements" You Can Use

Recently, I wrote about not starting sentences with the word "I." The suggestion was to help us remove self from the center of attention.

But here are ten great ones that start with the personal pronoun. Work these positive statements into your speech patterns.

(1) I thank God for . . . (2) I pray to the Lord that . . . (3) I apologize for . . . (4) I learned that . . . (5) I'm glad to hear about . . . (6) I read in the Bible that . . . (7) I rejoice in . . . (8) I follow Christ to . . . (9) I hope that . . . (10) I love the Lord because . . .

You might want to print or write these out on a card to carry around and pull out when you lack something to say.

What I-starting sentences might you add to this list?

— J. Randal Methany (via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*) —