**BIBLICAL VIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

**1. God is in control**

**Ephesians 1:11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

**Proverbs 19:21** Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.

**2. God created Earth**

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Isaiah 45:18 For this is what the LORD says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited— he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

**3. God sustains Earth**

Colossians 1:16-17 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**4. God commands weather**

Psalm 148:8 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding…

Luke 8:25 “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

**5. God promised seasons will continue**

**Genesis 8:22** “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

Jeremiah 33:25-26 “This is what the Lord says: ‘If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes [***e***](https://biblehub.com/niv/jeremiah/33.htm#footnotes) and have compassion on them.’”

**6. God says don’t be afraid—365x**

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**7. Man has responsibilities but limited understanding**

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Job 36:26-30 How great is God—beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out. He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind. Who can understand how he spreads out the clouds, how he thunders from his pavilion?

**8. Our focus is people**

- Made in God’s image: Genesis 1:27

 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- Valuable: Matthew 10:29-31

 “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even

 the very hairs of your head are all numbered.  So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

- Saved by grace through faith: Ephesians 2:8-9

 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works,

 so that no one can boast.