

Sermon Title: Revived: Climate Change

2022 and every year after will be filled with blessings for those who are faithful to obey God. His word creates an atmosphere that produces an environment for our lives to thrive.

As we end the year 2021 and enter a new year we must be aware of where we are, so we may know where we are going. In the book of Revelation we can see a picture of today's church age when he addresses the church of Laodicea.

Revelation 3:14-22

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The Message to the Church in Laodicea

14 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning[a] of God's new creation:

15 "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! 17 You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. 18 So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. 19 I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

20 "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. 21 Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

22 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

The great sin of this age is indifference and complacency that leads to compromise. When there is some sin and some disobedience, it's like mixing some water that's hot, and some that's cold. This temperature of water leads to being rejected by God. So we the individuals of the church are in need of climate change.

We need to place ourselves in an atmosphere that has a positive impact on our environment.

Atmosphere

- 1: the whole mass of air that surrounds the Earth
- 2: a mass of gases that surround a planet or star
- 3: the air in a particular place or area

Environment

the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.: "survival in an often hostile environment".

synonyms: [habitat](#), [territory](#), [domain](#), [home](#), [abode](#), [surroundings](#), [conditions](#), [environs](#), [circumstances](#)

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Solar System Temperatures

Average Temperature on Each Planet

Planetary surface temperatures tend to get colder the farther a planet is from the Sun. Venus is the exception, as its proximity to the Sun and dense atmosphere

make it our solar system's hottest planet. The average temperatures of planets in our solar system are:

- Mercury - 800°F (430°C) during the day, -290°F (-180°C) at night
- Venus - 880°F (471°C)
- Earth - 61°F (16°C)
- Mars - minus 20°F (-28°C)
- Jupiter - minus 162°F (-108°C)
- Saturn - minus 218°F (-138°C)
- Uranus - minus 320°F (-195°C)
- Neptune - minus 331°F (-201°C)
- Pluto - minus 388°F (-233°C)

Atmospheres create environmental conditions which are favorable or unfavorable to sustain life. Which planet out of all of them has the most favorable conditions for humans, plants, and animals to live?

Earth was made to sustain natural life but let's not forget about spiritual life.

God created and then spoke the atmospheres and environments into existence,

Genesis 1:1-4

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1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

The Earth was made for natural life, but there’s spiritual life as well.

John 4:24

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24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Matthew 4:4

New Living Translation

4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say,

‘People do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[a]”

As we leave 2021 we must take an honest assessment of our spiritual lives, not the natural one!

Revelation 3:17

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17 You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

Do we have the radical joy of the Lord? Are we truly happy? Are we spiritually rich? Do we have the ability to see what God sees? Are we clothed with righteousness?

If you're broke and God wants you blessed, why are you broke?

If you're single and God wants you married, why are you single?

If God wants goodness for you, and you're not seeing it what's happening?

There are 2 possibilities. You're living in an atmosphere of obedience and His perfect time has not come for that environment. Or you're living in an atmosphere of disobedience which prevents that environment from coming.

Mephiboseth lived in the environment he did because of the atmosphere that his father King Saul created. He disobeyed God and had the Kingdom ripped from Him.

The greatest contributor to our environment is our atmosphere. And there is only 1 atmosphere but two environments and only one will sustain spiritual life.

According to how we live in God's word/atmosphere we will see life, or death, blessings or cursings.

Obedience to God/Life Disobedience to God/Death

When we obey we will see an environment that sustains strength, relationships, health, finances and joy.

When we disobey our lukewarm condition will produce a deadly atmosphere in which those things cannot be sustained.

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His word produces an atmosphere for our spirits to have the environment of life and peace. This is how we walk by faith and not by sight. Because faith creates a spiritual reality without physical limits or the influence of fear, sin and death.

Faith allows us to live in a supernatural environment where God enables us to bring Him pleasure because His will is fulfilled.

Hebrews 11:6

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6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:7

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7 It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews 11:11

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11 It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed[a] that God would keep his promise.

Hebrews 11:29-30

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29 It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned.

30 It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down.

God's word produces an atmosphere for life, and if we will respond in faith it will create an environment for us to see and walk in His promises.

His word creates an environment for my faith. I'm able to live in the word by faith! But first I must be born again to enter this Kingdom realm of God. Because only repentance and believing on Jesus allows me entrance.

God spoke an environment into existence on the earth.

Fear produces an environment for our spirits to have death. The opposite of faith is not fear but sin.

Lazarus

John 11:39-45

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39 “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

40 Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” 43 Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

45 Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

I am the resurrection! When Jesus spoke Lazarus came back to the new environment of His word.

Genesis 2:7

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7 Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Amplified Bible

16 All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God’s will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; 17 so that the [a]man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Now and in 2022 we must only look to Jesus!

Hebrews 12:1-2

New King James Version

The Race of Faith

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 15:7-8

New King James Version

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[a] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

When I am your atmosphere, this will be your environment

Stress- fear of having to make things work

Rest- Allowing the word to work by faith

New life brings rest which is the opposite of the curse.

The mind of Christ, allows me to live in His environment of faith.

The word became flesh and lived among us. The atmosphere of the word, became a part of the same environment as His creation. We got to see how the word lives!!!!

Mark 4:35-41

New Living Translation

Jesus Calms the Storm

35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Jesus rested on His word. Let's go to the other side. How could He sleep during a storm? Because He was in another environment. Where the spiritual mind is operating by faith, there is life and peace. No fear of death, an unbroken state of rest. He didn't rebuke them for not having enough life, or peace, but of faith. Faith created an environment in which they could have enjoyed as well, but theirs was too small, or inactive. They could've sailed by faith, and not by sight!