

# THE ENVIRONMENT 3



CLIMATE CHANGE, THE BIBLE AND WHAT ON EARTH WE'RE HERE FOR

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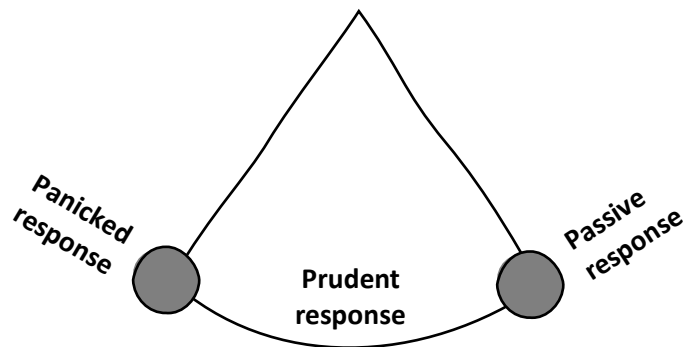
## (3/4) THE GROANS OF CREATION

Christians shouldn't be surprised at the connection between human agency and physical brokenness, both of people and planet. The curse of sin affects everyone and everything. How does this tragic reality impact our expectations and responsibilities as stewards of God's creation? What genuine difference can we make as we consider 'life under the sun'? What does it look like to groan with creation for the redemption we long for?

*Only a wilful blindness worse than any proverbial ostrich's head in the sand can ignore the facts of environmental destruction and its accelerated pace.*

Christopher J. H. Wright

The story so far... The Climate Pendulum | God's Blue Planet | Kings & Queens of Narnia | A Call to Stewardship



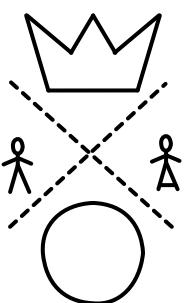
➔ This is God's world ... entrusted to us ... **damaged by sin** ... renewed by Christ ➔

### 🗣️ Discuss

➔ In what specific areas is 'bondage to decay' demonstrated in the creation today?



## DAMAGED BY SIN | THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR ANTHOPOGENIC CLIMATE CHANGE



### 🌳 The Saddest Day

- Human sin has affected every aspect of creation (Gen 3:17-19)
- Creation is now subjected to frustration (Rom 8:19-22)

- Death has come to all because of Adam's sin (Rom 5:12, 1 Cor 15:21-22)



- The Lord laments over the ruin of creation (Jer 9:10, 12)
- Cause and effect in God's world (Proverbs 22:3)



## *A Second Adam Walked the Earth*

- Only Jesus Christ can save the world, not humans (Acts 4:12), cf. Ezekiel 'Monergism'
- Messiah, carpenter (Matt. 13:55), gardener (John 20:15)
- Christ continues to sustain all things (Col 1:17)
- Christ's salvation begins with humans but doesn't stop there (Col 1:20, Rom 8:19-22)

### Discuss

→ How does the doctrine of sin protect us from the PANICKED and PASSIVE responses to the Environment?

