

**“An Uncomfortable Truth: Global Warming or God’s Warning”**  
Luke 21  
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I’ve titled the message “An Uncomfortable Truth: Global Warming or God’s Warning.” How many of you have heard all of the hype about global warming? How many of you have lost sleep over the issue of global warming? Don’t raise your hand because I am going to target you. A couple of years ago, actually right after hurricanes came through Louisiana, I was in Washington and I was on my way to Capitol Hill for a breakfast with then Senator Rick Santorum. And I was looking through, as I do every morning, the New York Times to see what they were saying. As I’ve said before I do two things every morning I read the Bible because I want to know what God has to say about the issues of the day then I read the New York Times to know what the other side has to say.

As I was reading the paper and I ran across this full-page ad that was in the New York Times. It says eight out of the 10 largest U.S. catastrophes have happened in the last four years, now this was in 2005. So since 2001 eight of the 10 largest catastrophes in the U.S. have occurred. And I saw that and it jumped out at me. Now they go to ask the question what will the next four years bring. And they go down and list all of these policies we need to do obviously from man’s perspective. But I saw that and I said this is the New Testament coming alive in our time. This is exactly what Jesus said would occur before he returned. But that’s not the way everyone sees it, we have to explain all of these things away.

Have you noticed how when God has established something Satan always comes behind with a counterfeit to try and counter what God has done? And I believe God is speaking to us, because His word says that He is. Jesus said you need to be able to read the signs. We need to be like the sons of Issachar that can discern the times in which we live. But there are those who are trying to twist the events that are occurring around us to tell us something else. I want to show you a trailer. I am showing you this so that you don’t have to go and see the movie. This is Al Gore’s movie “An Inconvenient Truth” and I want you to watch very closely, it is just two minutes, so watch closely. [Trailer plays].

Well some of you might be asking the question: “Why would you be preaching a message on global warming? You ought to stick to the Bible, you ought to preach messages on the Gospel and on this and that but not global warming!” I think we have grown too accustomed in the world today to not look at God’s word and what it has to say about the issues of the day. I want you see at a few sermons titles that come from the history of this country. You know when things would occur pastors would preach on it.

In fact, on pastor preached a message on the great fire in Boston the Sunday after the fire. See Christians didn’t turn to CNN, they didn’t turn to Fox News, they turned to their pastor so they could know what God’s word had to say about the events of the day. Another pastor preached a message on a solar eclipse. Now I cannot imagine preaching on that subject, but this pastor preached a message about a solar eclipse that occurred on June 16, 1806 because people wanted to know what God’s word had to say about the solar eclipses. Another sermon was on the moral view of railroads, and it is about connecting the country and the impact that would have on the moral discourse of the nation. There was

also a sermon occasioned by the hanging of Henry Blackburn. How many sermons have you heard preached on executions?

Well the point is that in the early history of our nation, God’s people turned to the Bible and to their pastors to find out how to interpret the events of the day. And we need to get back to that practice because God’s word has application to every aspect of life. And that includes the issue of so-called global warming. Before we buy into all the hype that Hollywood has pumped into this issue, and swallow Al Gore’s doomsday scenarios and run around with our hair on fire and in a panic, before we demand for the government to save us and end up in worse shape than we were before all the hysteria, we need to take a deep breath and consult the Scriptures and look at what God’s word has to say about this issue.

## I. THE FALSE CLAIMS OF THE GLOBAL WARMING CROWD

First, let’s analyze what the global warming theorists say. Now the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says these following things are going to occur because of global warming that is man-made.

A. First, there is going to be an increase in temperature. They say that there will be about a 1% increase in the temperature between now and 2030. Now on average over the last several centuries the temperature has risen by about one degree. Now some of you might remember this back in the 1970’s there was a fear that we were entering a new ice age. They were fearful that the temperatures were turning colder. And so the world was moving into an ice age, there was concern. Now just 30 years later we are in the hype of global warming.

Scientists have shown that the earth moves in 1,500 year cycles of warming and cooling. In 1,500 year cycles, the earth warms, and it cools. It warms, and it cools. There is no question, according to the data, that the earth is warming. But there is no conclusive data that it is warming because of your car or because of your cows or anything else that creates things in the atmosphere or CO2 gases. By the way NASA reports warming on Mars, Jupiter and Pluto and the Titan moon around Neptune as well so there is warming going around in the whole universe and beyond. It’s not just here and I have not seen too many SUVs in satellite images from Mars. According to the experts there is a significant body of scientific opinion that shows the sun is the principle climate driver. Makes sense to me. It’s hot when the sun’s out. So we are in a warming cycle. Okay, we give them that. But there is data which shows that it has been warming and cooling ever since God made it. Could it be that that is the way that God designed it, to be in flux?

But according to the logic of the global warming crowd, there should be an incremental and inexorable move up in the average temperatures. But we don’t see that. In fact, I thought this was pretty comical. On April 14 of this year, they were having a big global warming rally in Reno and they were having people come in from all over the country to protest American policies and our way of life because of global warming. Let me read you an AP headline from April 14, 2007. “Cold, rain cut short global warming rally.” Now tell me that God doesn’t have a sense of humor. “More than two dozen demonstrators braved cold, wet weather Saturday in Reno to attend a rally designed to draw attention to global warming. The event was cut short by heavy rain and sleet said organizer Lisa Stiller of the Northern Nevada Coalition for Climate Change.” Quote “It’s kind of disappointing that the

weather kept people away.” But the first claim is that human-caused global warming is causing an increase in temperatures.

**B. Second, global warming will cause an increase in sea levels.** Notice in that trailer from Al Gore’s movie he showed New York City and in particular where the World Trade Center memorial would be underwater. He’s saying that what’s going to happen in the very near future if we don’t address global warming, that all of the melting glaciers and the ice is going to cause the sea to rise by three feet. And that is going to inundate many countries.

Al Gore was simply parroting what the UN had already been saying. The U.N. is usually the first group to jump on any global crisis wagon because that means more power for them, but they claimed that water levels would rise 3 feet as well, until they were challenged by some scientists, and now they have now dropped it down to a maximum of 17 inches, and even that is still in dispute by the scientific experts. But they are claiming that so-called man-made global warming is going to cause a dramatic rise in the sea level. Third, they claim that...

**C. Third, global warming will cause an increase in extreme weather events.** Al Gore pointed to Katrina and Rita as evidence, claiming that those hurricanes were the result of the warming that is being driven by man and his abuse of the environment. There is now some evidence to suggest that a higher water temperature does not necessarily lead to a more rapid formation of a hurricane. But the claim is that extremes in the weather will not only create super-hurricanes, but that there will be an increase in famines. The resulting malnutrition will lead to an increase in diseases. And then one other item that I just found is that they are now predicting that there will be an increase in civil unrest as a result of global warming. Have you noticed that violent behavior seems to get worse when it is hot, and the global warming crowd is saying there will be even more.

A report coming out of Washington, D.C. states, “global warming called security threat. For a second time in a month private consultants to the government are warning that human driven warming of the climate poses risk to the national security of the United States.” The report recommends that “climate change be integrated into the nation’s security strategies and says that the United States should commit to a stronger national and international role to help stabilize climate changes at levels that would avoid significant destruction to global security and stability.”

And then a Mark Levy of the Earth Institute says: “it seems irresponsible not to take into account the possibility that a world with climate change would be a more violent world and making judgments about how tolerable such a world might be.” You think they are painting a scary picture of what the world is going to become? Because of global warming that is supposedly man-made? There is no doubt that they are manufacturing a crisis. But I want to know what God has to say because all those things they are talking about, I want you to look at those in light of God’s word.

## II. THE TRUTH CLAIMS OF GOD’S WORD

If you have your Bibles turn with me to Luke chapter 21. We begin in verse seven. Jesus is having a discussion with His disciples. They are asking Him about after He leaves and the end times that He is talking about, how things are going to

happen, they need to be able to discern the times. This discussion that Jesus has pertains really, to a portion applies, it really has a dual meaning, it applies to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 but it also has application of what the environment is going to be like, what is going to be transpiring before Jesus returns in the second coming.

Now the rapture occurs before the Tribulation, and the second coming. But you have to realize that many of these things will begin to line-up paving the way for the Tribulation period and then after the seven years of Tribulation and the return of Christ for His millennial reign. It is not going to just happen like that (snap of the finger). It began when we saw Israel become a nation again back in the 40’s that began the process of bringing Israel back as God said He would gather His people back together and I want to tell you, I am not an alarmist, I am not given to hype and exaggeration, but as I look at world events today I believe the return of Jesus Christ and the Rapture is imminent. I believe that it could happen at any moment.

Keep that in mind as I begin reading in verse seven, “so they asked him saying teacher but when will these things be and what signs will there be when these things are about to take place? And He said this, take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in my name saying I am He and the time has drawn near therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions do not be terrified. For these things must come to pass first but the end will not come immediately. Then He said to them nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilence and there will be fearful sites and great signs from heaven. But before all these things they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for my namesake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for my namesake. But not a hair on your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.”

**A. God’s Warning about the Future:** Now let’s take a look in depth at what God had to say, what God’s warning was to His people.

**1. First, Jesus says there will be an increase in spiritual deception.** Verse eight He says “take heed that you not be deceived.” Folks, there is a lot of deception today. And a lot of it is coming from the church, the so-called church. There are those that are running around they call themselves Evangelicals that are crying that we have got to do something about global warming, that we need to take drastic action. In a moment you will see what all of that means. But there is deception today as people are trying to mislead the church, Christians, true believers. John 10:27 says, “My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.” We need to be sure of what voice that we are following, not listening to all that we hear on television and all of the talking heads on the cable news shows. We need to listen to the voice of God, because if not, we will be deceived.

**2. Second, He says that there will be an increase in war and unrest.** There will be wars and rumors of war. There will be

an increase in disturbances or civil unrest which is the word commotion.

3. Third, He says there will be an increase in extreme weather events and there will be great earthquakes in various places. He says there will be famines, verse 11, and also pestilence which are diseases, and plagues.

4. Fourth, He also says that there will be fearful sights. I was amazed when I was reading that in the Greek, I have never seen this before, but the word phrobrasion, phrobatron, my Greek pronunciations are not good, the word from which we get phobia but also the root word of where the word terror comes from. Literally Jesus was telling his disciples that there will be acts of terror. Now you tell me that God's word is not on target. He said 2,000 years ago that as the end times begin to unfold there will be acts of terror.

He says in verse 11 goes on, there will be great signs from heaven astrological occurrences, eclipses, falling stars, comets. We hear every now and then about how some kind of great meteorite is headed to the earth you know it may hit us, then of course they realize it didn't make it. Did you catch that, did you catch all of those list, of what Jesus warned about telling His disciples to look for. Did you notice that they almost line up identically to what the global warming crowd says will happen? Did you catch that? They said there'll be famines, there'll be disturbances because of global warming. There'll be extreme weather events, there'll be diseases. There'll be civil unrest. Jesus says there'll be diseases, there'll be famines, there'll be weather occurrences and there'll be civil unrest.

I believe God's word. What's happening here is that there is a great deception so that when these events begin to unfold men will not look to God but they will look to government to save them. This is a grand deception this idea of global warming, this is a grand deception, that is being promoted even some who were the label of religious leader and it will deceive thousands. So that when God says these things will begin to occur and if you look at the word it would naturally draw you to the Lord Jesus Christ knowing that His return is imminent. But you will have these global warming folks saying see we told you this would happen because you drive an SUV. It is a grand deception my friends.

B. God's Instructions to His People about the Future: Well what is God's instruction to believers?

1. In verse eight He says do not be deceived. Do not be deceived. As Christians we should not be taken in by this fear-mongering. By these manufactured crisis. That we would rush to try to get someone to save us in Washington, D.C. or in the U.N. in New York City. We must not be deceived. He goes on to say that many will come and he says many will come and say that I am He, again looking in the Greek there is some dispute as to what exactly that means they don't say they are the Christ, I have been taught in the past that was someone who come and say they are the Messiah and it may very well be, but it could also be one that comes there will be many that come during this time of crisis and say that I am the one who can solve the problem. I am the one, look at me - instead of looking to God who is the Creator and the Sustainer of our universe.

So Jesus says many will come saying I am He, the one with the answers and the time there is the kairos, it the time when things are brought to a crisis. As I mentioned when all of this

stuff comes together and people are in a panic, there will be people who stand up and say I can help you, I am the one with the answers, I will fix it. That is how the anti-Christ as we know from reading Galatians(?) will come onto the stage is because there will be people clamoring for peace in the Middle East, boy doesn't that sound familiar.

2. And then He says do not be terrified in verse nine. Do not be deceived, do not be terrified. We don't have to worry, we don't have to be fearful. He says do not be terrified. But He does tell us to do this, He tells us to be prepared. Be prepared, be prepared to face opposition. Did He say that? He said you will be dragged before officials, you're going to be drug into the synagogue, you are going to be arrested. As I said this morning folks I truly believe the time of Kindergarten Christianity is over. Recess, cookies and naps are gone. It is a time to stand. God said be prepared because opposition is coming. The opposition is coming, but look at the opportunity. He said to use the opposition as an opportunity to be a witness, to give a testimony, to present Jesus Christ before kings and rulers. We are to use the opposition as an opportunity for testimony.

Then He says to rely upon God. We should rely upon God. He says don't give thought to what you are going to say, I will give it to you at that moment. Now that doesn't apply to preachers going to the pulpit or Sunday school teachers going to the Sunday school class, you need to be prepared. This is talking about when you are arrested and you are dragged into court or to stand before some ruler or a boss or some other hostile environment that is hostile to the faith of Jesus Christ. Don't fear because God says I will give you the words to say.

Listen what He says about the words He will give you. He says He will give you cutting wisdom that is irrefutable. I don't know about you, but I like that. I want the Lord Jesus to put words in my mouth that are irrefutable. Remember Stephen, when Stephen was martyred and he began to lay out that great testimony before the Jews and they could not refute his wisdom. They began to gnash their teeth because his wisdom was overwhelming. You see in the hour of opposition the Lord will give you the words to speak.

In verse 18 He says but not a hair on your head shall be lost. You need to rely upon God for your well-being. And just before that He said some of you will be put to death but I guess if you are put to death that you don't need your hair so it's okay. In verse 18 He says keep your wits about you.

He says in verse 19 let your patience possess your souls. Don't go to pieces, don't let the things that are occurring in the world, and all of the hype and all of the manufactured crisis steal your joy. Don't let it rob your soul. Don't let it overcome you. Don't become fearful. Don't be terrified. Don't be scratching your head thinking about what's gonna happen tomorrow. Don't buy into that. He says possess your souls with patience. Patience, the word literally there is steadfastness or endurance. So endure. It is just like we were talking about this morning standing, stand fast, stouthearted, possess your souls, be in control of your thoughts and emotions do not let them be driven by the fear-mongers.

### III. THE REAL AGENDA OF GLOBAL WARMING

Well, what is behind this global warming crisis? Let me go right to the heart of it.

**A. It is a denial of God's sovereignty.** It is a denial of God's sovereignty. It is humanism and the church, Christian leaders, are buying into humanism. That we must save ourselves.

I mean think about it. We have to save the planet. How can we save the planet when if we worry we cannot add one-inch to our stature? But we think we can save the planet. How arrogant is that. But that is, that is what it comes down to, it comes down to man and God. And either God is in control of your life or you are. And either God is in control of the planet, did you catch that little writing on the screen there, that we have betrayed the planet, the earth, as if the earth was living and breathing and we had to save mother earth. God is the creator and God is the sustainer. What gave way to this denial, or what brought about this denial of God's sovereignty.

Well it was a rejection of God's word, plain and simple. And this debate has been going on for over a hundred years in this country. Back in the early 1900's when there was a split in the Evangelicals began to form when the mainline denominations began to reject God's word as truth. Well it applies to spiritual matters but it doesn't apply when it speaks to the cosmos when it speaks to history we do not believe the Bible is accurate.

Well folks either the Bible is true or it is not. Either the Bible is on the mark or it's not. And I have often wondered about this and, I go up against this guy fairly often his name is Jim Wallis and he is one of these he calls himself an Evangelical, I don't see how he is an Evangelical because Evangelical's believe there is one way to heaven through Jesus Christ and that's it. But he started a group called the Red Letter Christians. He said we believe the red letters in the Bible, the words that Jesus spoke and we know those words are true. I have a problem with how would you trust the Bible for your eternity when you won't trust it for today. If you will stack your eternity on certain words in the Bible, why won't you trust the Bible as it applies to your life today or as it relates to history from yesterday? Either the Bible is true in its completeness or it's not. And I am telling you it's true. I am telling you that we're seeing prophecy that is literally thousands of years old unfolding right before our eyes.

God created the earth and He alone sustains it. Genesis one chapter one says "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Al Gore may have created the Internet but God created the heavens and the earth. Psalm 46:1-3 says "God is our refuge and our strength a very present help in trouble therefore we will not fear even though the help be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea though its waters roar and be trouble though the mountains shake with its swelling." See no matter what happens, even if the mountains are thrown into the seas David is saying there God is our refuge and our strength a very present help in a time of trouble. Therefore, therefore we will not fear. We do not need to be gripped with fear.

Folks, let me tell you there is one thing you should fear, one thing and one thing only. Falling into the hands of an angry God. If you have not repented of your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior you need to live in fear. That you will meet that God unprepared. If you have settled that one thing you have nothing else to fear. Because God is our refuge and He is our strength. We do not need to fear global warming. We do not need to fear nuclear attack. We do not need to fear terrorism. Does that mean it won't happen – no it doesn't mean it won't happen. I just told you that all of the

characteristics all of the things that global warming theorists say are going to happen are going to happen. Jesus said they are going to happen. But it is not going to happen because of man, and it is not going to happen, man may be a part of it, man is not going to stop it. It is a part of God's plan. What we need to be doing is discerning the time. Realizing that time is short. We need to be focused on winning souls for Jesus Christ.

Psalm 102 verse 25 and 26 says "of old you have laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands, they will perish but you will endure. Yes, all of them will grow old like a garment like a cloak. You will change them and they will be changed." David thousands of years ago said the earth will grow old, and you will change it like a worn out garment, you will change it and it will be changed. You are not going to change the hand of God that it is at work in His creation. We will not stop Him. I don't care if we all come together as one world and say we are going to stop global warming. Like they did in Babylon when they created the tower-let's build ourselves a tower that will reach to heaven, let's make ourselves a plan that will save the earth that will make us victorious as the human race. What did God do to those in Babel? God will not be mocked. God is the creator and the sustainer of the universe.

**B. It is a demission of national autonomy.** What else is at play here? We know that this is an issue of deception, there is a denial going on of God's sovereignty, there is a demission of national autonomy. What do I mean by that, a surrender of national autonomy? How many of you have heard of the Kyoto protocol? The Kyoto protocol is the so-called solution to global warming. This was brokered on the United States part by Al Gore back during the Clinton administration, the Senate which was under Republican control at the time refused to ratify the treaty. They have since tried to move it forward but President Bush has said that he will not sign-off on it.

Well what is the Kyoto protocol? It is a radical initiative that threatens Democratic values, economic growth and national sovereignty. It essentially brings the world, or most of the western world, together where they will submit to a world plan to fight global warming. And what America has to do is reduce our energy use by 1/3. Now that is significant. That will cause the loss of literally millions of jobs in this country and there is no scientific evidence to prove that such a reduction in energy will stop global warming.

**C. It is a deification of "Mother Earth."** Now I will tell you that I do believe that we need to conserve energy. I believe we need to be good stewards of God's creation. I believe we need to cut back on pollution and we have. You realize the industry that, we have a lot of in Louisiana, since the 1980's have cut emissions drastically. Technology, new technology has enabled them to have cleaner emissions, cleaner air, we have cleaner water today than we did 50 years ago in this country. Because of technology, we used it. We need to be good stewards.

I learned a long time ago about the environment. I made a mistake when I was a kid, I threw a piece of paper out the back window of the car. My Dad pulled over and I had to clean up about a half mile of roadway. In fact I think I was one of the only police officers to write tickets for littering. I stopped people, I actually stopped some young kids one time and made them get out and clean about a half of mile of roadway. I think we should take care of God's creation. God

has created a beautiful place for us. We need to take care of it. But we are not subservient to the creation of the earth. The earth is not our master. We are not here to serve the earth. The earth is here for us to use. If I let you borrow my car I expect you to take care of it. I don't expect you to worship it, I don't expect you to pay homage to it, I don't expect you to get down in front of it and chant, I just expect you to bring it back without dents, and hopefully a full tank of gas. But you see God has given us this earth he created it for us. You see God is interested in you. God created you for fellowship. What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. That's why we were created. We were created for fellowship with God. God created us so He could be in relationship with us. And anything that causes that message to be lost is contrary to God's will and His word.

Global warming, saying that we must save the earth, the earth is somehow to be worshipped by man is nothing but a lie from the pit of Hell. Now, by the way let me just throw this in on the Kyoto protocol there are some countries that are exempt from these global reductions. One of them being China. Which will soon be the largest consumers of energy, they are putting in place every week in China on coal burning plant with none of the technology to clean the air. That is one of the dirtiest, most polluted countries in the world. But they are exempt from the Kyoto protocol. What is this going to do for their economy? It will make them the world economic leader much sooner than what they are on track to be.

D. It is devaluing of human life. Most people don't realize this but a key part of fighting global warming is population control. Now what is population control? It's abortion, it's one-child policies, it's limiting the number of children. You see humanism sees people as the problem. Their god's but more people are a problem, they are competition. And so in the eyes of those that are fighting global warming they need to reduce population. That means we've gotta cut down on the sizes of our families, boy am I an offender. They want us to cut our families, they want abortion to be exported around the globe from the United States, they want family planning which again is abortion and contraception all these things to limit the population. They see people as a problem. People are a problem for the earth. God says I am creating you to have fellowship. God says be fruitful and multiply. There was no time expiration on that statement that God gave to us. Be fruitful and multiply.

I bet you don't know this, the birthrate in Europe has dropped drastically because of this message of overpopulation. The birthrate in Europe is about 1.5 births per woman. Now that is not even a sustainable population. They're experiencing a population decline in Europe. America is just at 2.1 per woman, which is a sustainable birthrate. That means with that birthrate we will keep the present population. But in most countries in Europe, the birth rate will not sustain the current population levels. Russia is even worse. Russia is almost about 1.1. And what is happening is that Muslims have a birthrate that is three times that at almost 4.5 per woman. Within the next 50 years all of Europe will be dominated by the Muslim faith. They're not going to buy into the Kyoto protocol, they're not going to buy into the global warming.

What we are doing by buying into that is that we are paving the way, if Christians will not see children as God said they were blessings, than the sustainer of God's presence through their relationship with Him being in the world if we see them as the other side sees them as problems, we will begin to see the countries change through those who are having children.

E. It is a deception of mankind just like Jesus predicted. This is the key. If you point to all of these things as I said earlier the famines, the wars, the diseases, natural disaster, and some will say those are all a result of global warming. When these things begin to unfold, and I believe they are already beginning to unfold, instead of man looking and saying you know what that is exactly what Jesus said would happen, boy I better get ready. They're going to say, boy that Al Gore he sure was right. I probably need to break out that bicycle and start riding it to work. And you know what, they will miss the signs. Don't let this happen. We cannot be deceived. My friends we must not be deceived, we must not be terrified, we must be prepared for what is coming ahead.

Let me close with this, seven-year-old Roger Woodward along with his 17-year-old sister were enjoying a boat ride on the Niagara River they were guest of a man from Niagara Falls, NY. And they were boating just above the falls when their engine died in their boat and it capsized. The man went over the falls and was killed, the 17-year-old girl was rescued when she was about 20-feet from the falls. The seven-year-old boy went over the Niagara Falls wearing only his swimming trunks and an orange life preserver. The Maid of the Mist, the tourist boat that tours around at the base of the falls, the crew happened to spot this little boy floating in the water at the base of them and they pulled him from the water and they rushed him into the hospital where he stayed for three days suffering only from a minor concussion.

Thirty years passed and Roger returned to Niagara Falls. He returned to give his testimony at Glengate Alliance Church. The audience was hushed as he told his miraculous story. The panic that he felt as he was helplessly drifting towards that precipitous drop. He talked about the anger that he felt that no one on the shore was able to save him. He talked about the flashback that he began to have as he was thinking that he would never see his mom or his dad or his dog again. Then he said this. He said, it wasn't the hand of fate that saved me, it wasn't the hand of luck, but it was the spirit of the living God that saved my life that day and my sister so that we could come to know Him. Had he gone over the edge and died that day he would have spent eternity without the presence of God. But God spared him so that he might come to know His son Jesus Christ.

See what we are talking about here is when we allow the world to deceive us, when we allow those who have a humanist agenda who are counter to God, who are anti-Christ in their thinking, and we go along with it and we do not stand up and call it what it is we may prevent that very one who is about to go over the edge an opportunity to know Jesus Christ. It's not the hand of fate, it's not the hand of luck, it's not global warming that's affecting our world it is just as God planned, it is just as God designed, because His Son is coming back. He is coming back to rapture out His bride then there is going to be great judgment on this earth. The likes of which we have never seen before. Jesus said unless those days were cut short no one would endure.

My friends, I don't want to be here then. You don't either. Then Jesus is going to come back and set up His millennial kingdom. Those things are happening today. They're beginning to unfold. I know that since I have been a kid hear preachers say the Lord is coming back. Of course Paul, and Peter, and John all the others said He is coming back. Friends, Jesus said look for the signs. Those signs are beginning to happen today, you need to be ready, your friends need to be ready. You need to be willing to stand up

**and challenge those who would deceive, those who want to say that all that we see happening is manmade. It's all about global warming or about this or about that, say no, I'm sorry, this is exactly what God said would happen. And He's coming back, and I sure hope you know Him.**

**Closing prayer:**