



Global Cooling

Truth about Iniquity

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Each year on April 22 the annual Earth Day celebration is held worldwide in order to build awareness of environmental and climate change issues. This year's commemoration was the largest in the 39 year history of the holiday.

Former Vice-President Al Gore claims global warming is to blame for the looming climate crisis. Gore has said that the glaciers in Antarctica are melting and that sea levels will rise to cover parts of Florida and New Orleans. "Is it only terrorists that we're worried about? Is that the only threat that is worth our attention? We are witnessing a collision between our civilization and the Earth," Gore has said. Global Warming seems dangerous. Yet, "Global Cooling" is a much larger threat to the world.

Global Warming is predicted by scientists; Global Cooling is prophesied in the Bible. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Matthew 24:12. While temperatures are on the rise, the heart of man is beginning to freeze. From road rage to impurity and strife, people are acting on their impulses and placing another layer of ice upon their cold heart. This is Global Cooling and it is triggered by the smog of what the King James Version calls "iniquity." The New King James Version and the New American Standard use the word "lawlessness" to describe the cause of the cooling. The terms are identical as iniquity is law-less-ness.

"And because law-less-ness increases in the world, the love of many will grow cold," Matthew 24:12. The Greek word translated "lawlessness" in this verse is "anomia." This word, according to *Strong's Exhaustive Dictionary*, means "illegality, i.e. violation of law, wickedness, iniquity, unrighteousness." Likewise, *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* defines anomia as "the condition of one without law - either because ignorant of it, or because violating it, contempt and violation of

law, iniquity, wickedness." Anomia is exactly the same Greek term used in Matthew 7:23 where the Savior said, "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness (anomia).'" Ouch!

Iniquity can be understood as law-less-ness or having no regard towards the Law of Moses. Iniquity causes the heart to grow cold to the arena of faith. 1 John 3:4, "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." To sin is to violate or break the law of the Almighty, called "torah" in Hebrew. This law is the eternal commandments that were given to Moses and then recorded in the first five books of the Bible. Today, the Torah is the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The Torah reveals the expectations for all mankind. A person sins when the law is not kept. Sin is having lawlessness - having less of the law.

Blessings and purpose abound when a person walks in obedience to the whole of Scripture. On the contrary, violating the Torah dulls the heart. Like slow changes in the weather that go unnoticed, iniquity grows slowly in the hearts of many believers. Many act like super-market shoppers, picking and choosing what should be followed in the Bible while casting much of the "Old Testament" aside.

The opposite of law-less-ness is law-plus-ness, or having more of the Torah in life. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Guard your heart, for out of it flows the issues of life." Though iniquity increases in the world, believers have been called to not be affected by this chill factor. The Torah should clearly be studied, learned and become a part of every day life.