

# Climactic change

## 2 Peter 3<sup>1-13</sup>

Climate change: a Christian response



Children's talk: Superpowers & Greta Thunberg

### Introduction

2 Peter 3<sup>1-4</sup>

Seven hours in a car with Rob Clements  
Stirring everyone up (v<sup>1</sup>)

### Good questions

Is climate change real?  
Is climate change human-induced?  
Are we responsible to do something about it?  
How concerned should we be about climate change?

### Good considerations

2 Peter 3<sup>5-10</sup>

Remember God's creation by His word (v<sup>5</sup>)  
Remember God's deluge of judgement (v<sup>6</sup>)  
Remember God's declaration of judgement (v<sup>7</sup>)  
Remember God's bigger perspective on time (v<sup>8</sup>)  
Remember God's heart of grace (v<sup>9</sup>)  
Remember God's day of fire (v<sup>10</sup>)

### Good answers

### Good responses – HELP

2 Peter 3<sup>11-13</sup>

Hasten  
Engage  
Listen  
Proclaim ... Persuade ... Pray

### Good answers

(from Greta Thunberg)

"Many people say that Sweden is just a small country, and it doesn't matter what we do, but I have learned you are never too small to make a difference."

to COP24, 24<sup>th</sup> Conf of Parties to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Poland (Dec 2018)

"People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction. And all you can talk about is money and fairytales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

to UN Climate Action Summit, New York (23 Sept 2019)

"We are facing an existential crisis... it will have a massive impact on our lives in the future, but also now, especially in vulnerable communities ..."

in Democracy Now! interview (11 Sept 2019)

"You lied to us. You gave us false hope. You told us that the future was something to look forward to. And the saddest thing is that most children are not even aware of the fate that awaits us. We will not understand it until it's too late. And yet we are the lucky ones. Those who will be affected the hardest are already suffering the consequences. But their voices are not heard."

to UK MPS at the Houses of Parliament (23 April 2019)

"How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words."

to UN Climate Action Summit, New York (23 Sept 2019)

"I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel everyday. I want you to act. I want you act like you would in a crisis. I want you to act like your house is on fire, because it is."

to World Economic Forum, Davos (Switzerland) (24 Jan 2019)

"It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage, it will take fierce, fierce determination to act now, to lay the foundations where we may not know all the details about how to shape the ceiling. In other words, it will take cathedral thinking. I ask you to please wake up and make changes required possible."

to European Parliament, Strasbourg (France) (16 Apr 2019)

"You must take action. You must do the impossible. Because giving up can never be an option."

to US Congress, Washington DC (Sept 2019)

"The climate change crisis has already been solved. We already have the facts and solutions. All we have to do is wake up and change."

TEDx, Stockholm, (Dec 2018)