

Notes: July 8, 2017

Start: 10 AM

**Order of service:**

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Father Knows Best

A simple title that for some of you, including myself may prompt memory of the television show that ran from 1954 through 1960 and starred Robert Young, Jane Wyatt and Eleanor Donahue. Set in the Midwestern town of Springfield, it represented the idyllic presentation of family in the 50s, led by Robert Young.

Yet this is not the Father, nor the concept I am focused on today.

In today's society, there seems to be one crisis after another, depending on whom you speak too. Some that are so enormous, you would think the end of the world is near.

Yet, these crises are oxygenated by “Global Secular Humanism”

**Humanism** is a [philosophical](#) and [ethical](#) stance that emphasizes the value and [agency](#) of [human beings](#), individually and collectively, and generally prefers [critical thinking](#) and evidence ([rationalism](#), [empiricism](#)) over acceptance of dogma or superstition.

Yet, a more striking definition for Secular Humanism is...

Secular humanism is a comprehensive [life stance](#) or [world view](#) which embraces human [reason](#), [metaphysical naturalism](#), [altruistic morality](#) and [distributive justice](#), and consciously rejects [supernatural](#) claims, [theistic faith](#) and [religiosity](#), [pseudoscience](#), and [superstition](#).

Who desire to bring you a world without borders, while conveying a world view that is absent Adonai.

This mindset has been around for quite some time and can be traced back to the times of Noah and the Tower of Babel. God's creation, thinking either they don't need God or can be like Him. I have told you in past sermons that just the very foundation of this thinking originates from the Adversary, whom was the first to actually do these

things. He didn't need God and He could be like God.

Secular Humanism is human centered not God centered, to the point that God is taken out of the conversation.

One such crisis, conveyed by Global Secular Humanist is climate change, or depending on the time, global warming.

Whereby in 2015, 195 countries entered into a non-binding agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

Each country determines, plans and regularly reports its own contribution it should make in order to mitigate [global warming](#).<sup>[5]</sup> There is no mechanism to force<sup>[6]</sup> a country to set a specific target by a specific date,<sup>[7]</sup> but each target should go beyond previously set targets.

A non-binding agreement without the ability to truly enforce it, so in other words, not worth the paper it is written on. Each country determines their own path, yet can change at any time.

This was the agreement President Trump removed the United States from, receiving stark criticism from the global humanists and labeled a "climate change denier" Based on the response from the Media and many of the nations in the accord, you would have thought our President committed a heinous crime. To them it was. "Mother earth" has become their god and their religion. Humans are responsible for defiling the earth.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris\\_Agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris_Agreement)

Yet the question you must ask first, is "if the earth is truly getting warmer, are humans the source, or could there be another reason.

Ask the world community and there is near consensus, to which I have heard 97% of scientists support the theory that humans are producing too much CO<sub>2</sub> (greenhouse gases) leading to global warming, with the evidence being the melting polar caps and warmer ocean temperature.

Yet, could there be another possible reason for the change?

Ask 97% of the scientists and they will tell you this is the only reason. Yet there are still 3% who are not convinced, including myself. I will explain my reasoning in a minute...

Back in 2016 I read an article offering an alternative view to the temperature rise. The article opens:

*"Global warming advocates like to pretend they are open-minded, all about science. But let someone else's science get in the way of their "consensus," and you find out how little they really believe in science."*

*Professor Valentina Zharkova of Britain's Northumbria University. She and a team of researchers [conducted a study](#) on sunspots, which are known to have a strong effect on solar radiation and thus on the Earth's climate.*

*What they found was remarkable: solar activity, based on models that closely fit past trends, looks to be headed for a sharp downward turn. Indeed, activity could decline to levels not seen since the so-called "Little Ice Age," an unusually cold period that stretched across the Northern Hemisphere and lasted from roughly 1650 to 1850.*

The author of the article conveyed the change, yet ever so slightly, was caused by the change in the number of sun spots.

<http://www.investors.com/politics/editorials/global-warming-extremists-try-to-silence-science-again/>

**Gen 1:14** God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; let them be for signs, seasons, days and years;

**Gen 1:15** and let them be for lights in the dome of the sky to give light to the earth"; and that is how it was.

**Gen 1:16** God made the two great lights — the larger light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night — and the stars.

**Gen 1:17** God put them in the dome of the sky to give light to the earth,

**Gen 1:18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

**Gen 1:19** So there was evening, and there was morning, a fourth day.

God is the one who created them. When we look at our solar system, there is only one planet that can sustain life in that God ordered the distance between the sun and earth that was just right. In other words we are the baby bear of our solar system, from “Goldy Lox”

Considering our sole source of heat is the sun, it is not that far of a reach to believe such a view. Yet, the global humanist elevate our importance to the point where we can have a significant impact on the earth, given its enormous size.

Have there been isolated incidences of pollution caused by man...certainly. I remember when Lake Erie was so polluted that it was the source of acid rain. Yet, this is not a global impact.

We see cities and countries that due to their population size and carbon emission are more polluted than other places.

Why am I telling you all this? Because it is to lay a foundation in order to convey that there is a solution that, if the cause is truly man made, there is truly a green solution.

So, is the issue the production of carbon or something else. Consider the following passage...

**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

**Rom 1:17** For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

**Rom 1:18** What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness keep suppressing the truth;

**Rom 1:19** because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them.

**Rom 1:20** For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities — both his eternal power and his divine nature — have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. Therefore, they have no excuse;

**Rom 1:21** because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened.

**Rom 1:22** Claiming to be wise, they have become fools!

**Rom 1:23** In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles!

**Rom 1:24** This is why God has given them up to the vileness of their hearts' lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other's bodies.

**Rom 1:25** They have exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, by worshipping and serving created things, rather than the Creator — praised be he for ever. Amen.

The very presence of God is seen in His creation, man and woman, the earth, the sun and the moon, the animals, etc...

God is everywhere, yet, many of whom He created deny him.

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Now, getting back to climate change...

You have two potential causes...

1. Man's production of carbon into the atmosphere causing a warming effect on the earth.
2. A decrease in the number of sunspots.

One is a man made problem while the other is not.

If you truly believe that climate change is the result of man's production of carbon, for which the "climate police" are advocating emission reduction as the only hope to correcting the problem – this is the path the world leaders and scientists are on right now.

What if I told you there is another solution...a Green solution...

The problem isn't a supply problem, but rather a demand problem.

God in His infinite wisdom has provided a solution and has incorporated into His creation...

He provided the solution, even before we were created on the sixth day...

**Gen 1:11** God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, seed-producing plants, and fruit trees, each yielding its own kind of seed-bearing fruit, on the earth"; and that is how it was.

**Gen 1:12** The earth brought forth grass, plants each yielding its own kind of seed, and trees each producing its own kind of seed-bearing fruit; and God saw that it was good.

**Gen 1:13** So there was evening, and there was morning, a third day.

*Currently, about 25% of the carbon emissions produced by human activity are absorbed by plants, and another similar amount ends up in the ocean.*

*Plants absorb carbon dioxide from the air, combine it with water and light, and make carbohydrates – the process known as photosynthesis.*

*It is well established that as CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere increases, the rate of photosynthesis increases.*

<http://theconversation.com/plants-absorb-more-co2-than-we-thought-but-32945>

Yet, we may still be part of the problem, but in a very different way.

What has been happening in South America for the last 30+ years?

The destruction of the rain forest.

What is lacking in places like Los Angeles and China?

Sufficient vegetation.

The green solution is strikingly simple...plant more vegetation.

Have you ever witnessed any lingering smog problems in Maine? Even with the increase in our population during the summer by 3x, our vegetation is able to absorb it and thrive while doing it.

The article also conveyed that 25% of the carbon is absorbed by water, the ocean. Considering the ocean covers 70% of the surface of the earth, it is by far, greater in area than we actually inhabit.

The humanist view discounts God and His wisdom.

**Psa 139:13** For you fashioned my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**Psa 139:14** I thank you because I am awesomely made, wonderfully; your works are wonders - I know this very well.

**Psa 139:15** My bones were not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of

the earth.

**Psa 139:16** Your eyes could see me as an embryo, but in your book all my days were already written; my days had been shaped before any of them existed.

**Psa 139:17** God, how I prize your thoughts! How many of them there are!

In six days, God created everything required for us, and in spite of us. He knew before time would begin how everything would work together...

**Rom 8:26** Similarly, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we don't know how to pray the way we should. But the Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words;

**Rom 8:27** and the one who searches hearts knows exactly what the Spirit is thinking, because his pleadings for God's people accord with God's will.

**Rom 8:28** Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose;

**Rom 8:29** because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers;

**Rom 8:30** and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be considered righteous; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

**Rom 8:31** What, then, are we to say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

This is but one example...

You can look at the BP Oil spill. An event that occurred in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana did not turn out to be as devastating as was predicted.

Why?

The "experts" assumed the outcome would be like past oil spills, yet it was not like other oil spills. It did not originate on the surface of the ocean, but from the depths of the ocean. As such, scientists actually learned more about microorganisms as a result of this incident, that they didn't know before, or would have known unless such an incident transpired...

*Like cars, some [microbes use oil as fuel](#). Such microorganisms are a big reason why BP's 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was not far worse.*

*"The microbes did a spectacular job of [eating a lot of the natural gas](#)," says biogeochemist Chris Reddy of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The relatively small hydrocarbon molecules in natural gas are the easiest for microorganisms to eat. "The rate and capacity is a mind-boggling testament to microbes," he adds.*

*Ocean currents, in addition to keeping the spilled oil offshore, spurred microbial activity amidst the oil spill. That continuous [mixing of the water](#) allowed a bacterial bloom to turn millions of barrels of oil into an estimated [100 sextillion microbial cells](#) of ethane-consuming *Colwellia*, aromatic-eating *Cycloclasticus*, alkane-eating *Oceanospirillales*, oil-eating *Alcanovorax*, methane-loving *Methylococcaceae* and other species, including at least one previously unknown to science.*

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-microbes-helped-clean-bp-s-oil-spill/>

These microorganisms existed prior to the oil spill. They were not manufactured. They were not created in a laboratory. They existed and were created when Adonai established life in the seas.

Ultimately, God has an answer to the problems we create.

To think that we are large enough to truly impact the earth in such an adverse way, does as the humanist desire, to raise the status of man and diminish God's status.

In raising awareness to the matters that are so prevalent today, and the total disdain and disregard towards God, our creator, the world is in essence shooting itself in the foot. By not recognizing who He is, in essence ignores the very solutions available to all the problems we inflict upon ourselves.

In this week's Parshah...

**Num 22:20** God came to Bil'am during the night and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them; but do only what I tell you."

**Num 23:11** Balak said to Bil'am, "What have you done to me?! To curse my enemies is why I brought you; and, here, you have totally blessed them!"

**Num 23:12** He answered, "Mustn't I take care to say just what Adonai puts in my mouth?"

Even this questionable prophet knew that he could only do what Adonai had said. Not going beyond his authority.

Yet, today, this reverence is not witnessed by the vast majority of the population. This perspective ultimately undermines our life as it continues to receive attention. I would like to close with Proverbs 3, reminding us as believers in the God of Avraham, Yitchak and Ya'akov, just how prominent Adonai needs to be in our lives. Wisdom and knowledge is prompted by Adonai, yet His creation ultimately takes credit for the "break throughs"

**Pro 3:1** My son, don't forget my teaching, keep my commands in your heart;

**Pro 3:2** for they will add to you many days, years of life and peace.

**Pro 3:3** Do not let grace and truth leave you — bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

**Pro 3:4** Then you will win favor and esteem in the sight of God and of people.

**Pro 3:5** Trust in Adonai with all your heart; do not rely on your own understanding.

**Pro 3:6** In all your ways acknowledge him; then he will level your paths.

**Pro 3:7** Don't be conceited about your own wisdom; but fear Adonai, and turn from evil.

**Pro 3:8** This will bring health to your body and give strength to your bones.

**Pro 3:9** Honor Adonai with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your income.

**Pro 3:10** Then your granaries will be filled and your vats overflow with new wine.

**Pro 3:11** My son, don't despise Adonai's discipline or resent his reproof;

**Pro 3:12** for Adonai corrects those he loves like a father who delights in his son.

**Pro 3:13** Happy the person who finds wisdom, the person who acquires understanding;

**Pro 3:14** for her profit exceeds that of silver, gaining her is better than gold,

**Pro 3:15** she is more precious than pearls — nothing you want can compare with her.

**Pro 3:16** Long life is in her right hand, riches and honor in her left.

**Pro 3:17** Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

**Pro 3:18** She is a tree of life to those who grasp her; whoever holds fast to her will be made happy.

**Pro 3:19** Adonai by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he established the heavens,

**Pro 3:20** by his knowledge the deep [*springs*] burst open and the dew condenses from the sky.

**Pro 3:21** My son, don't let these slip from your sight; preserve common sense and discretion;

**Pro 3:22** they will be life for your being and grace for your neck.

**Pro 3:23** Then you will walk your way securely, without hurting your foot.

**Pro 3:24** When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

**Pro 3:25** Don't be afraid of sudden terror or destruction caused by the wicked, when it comes;

**Pro 3:26** for you can rely on Adonai; he will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

**Pro 3:27** Don't withhold good from someone entitled to it when you have in hand the power to do it.

**Pro 3:28** Don't tell your neighbor, "Go away! Come another time; I'll give it to you tomorrow," when you have it now.

**Pro 3:29** Don't plan harm against your neighbor who lives beside you trustingly.

**Pro 3:30** Don't quarrel with someone for no reason, if he has done you no harm.

**Pro 3:31** Don't envy a man of violence, don't choose any of his ways;

**Pro 3:32** for the perverse is an abomination to Adonai, but he shares his secret counsel with the upright.

**Pro 3:33** Adonai's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.

**Pro 3:34** The scornful he scorns, but gives grace to the humble.

**Pro 3:35** The wise win honor, but fools win shame.

It is not the Global Secular Humanists who have the answers but the one who created us. We need to continue looking to our God and King, who in all of His divine wisdom knows us better than we know ourselves.