On the Nature of Obedience to Biblical Commands Regarding Creation-Care

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Simple Obedience

command → obedience
Problems and Solutions

All problems have the form: \( A \rightarrow B \)

Possible solutions are:
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\times & \rightarrow B \\
A & \nleftrightarrow B \\
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1. Science demonstrates that the earth’s global mean surface temperature is increasing due to the emission of anthropogenic greenhouse gases.

2. Studies suggest the increase of global mean surface temperature may result in a number of effects.

3. Many of the effects described in point 2 are undesirable, being injurious to ecosystems, species, and people.

4. One of the most important anthropogenic greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide, is emitted through fossil-fuel use in power generation and transportation.

5. Thus, to prevent the possible harms due to global warming, Christian stewardship entails personal and collective action to decrease the use of fossil fuels in power generation and transportation (i.e., mitigation).
Criteria for Considered Obedience

command $\rightarrow \{ \text{importance, goals, practice} \} \rightarrow$ considered obedience
Determinants and Criteria

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\{ \text{worldview, ethical theories, science, society} \} & \quad \{ \text{importance, goals, practice} \}
\end{align*}
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\text{Criteria:} & \quad \text{importance} \\
& \quad \text{goals} \\
& \quad \text{practice} \\
\end{align*} \rightarrow \text{considered obedience}