

Catching His Wind: Filled to Fulfill

God will fill us with Himself to complete the work He desires!

Wind Resistance

What's in His wind?

His word, His will, His ways, & wisdom.

His influence & insight & imagination.

His name, His now, and notoriety.

His direction, deliverance, & discipline.

His very own Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is often the maker and manifestation of His wind in the earth.

Wind Warning

Acts 7:51 New Living Translation

51 "You stubborn people! You are heathen[a] at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That's what your ancestors did, and so do you!

- To be resistant to the wind/ Spirit of God is to have a heart that rebels against God, and ears that are unresponsive to His word.

Ephesians 4:30 New Living Translation

30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own,[a] guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

- The Holy Spirit is a person and not a thing. He can experience grief and sorrow through our rejection of His work in our lives.

If we are to catch the wind of God, be carried by the word of God, be renewed by the strength of God, we must have two wings called what? Willing and obedient.

Listen to King David's plea to God after his terrible sins were uncovered.

Psalm 51:10-12 New Living Translation

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me.

11 Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit[a] from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.

When we resist the wind of God, we resist His will, and are carried away into sin by our own evil plans and desires. So what must we do? What's our only hope of fulfilling God's will? We must be filled with the wind of God, the very power and Spirit of our living God.

Ephesians 5:17-18 Amplified Bible

17 Therefore do not be foolish and thoughtless, but understand and firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit and constantly guided by Him.

Harnessing the Wind

Harnessing the wind means capturing and controlling the energy of moving air and converting it into power.

- The blades of a windmill.
- The wings of a bird.
- The willingness and obedience of God's children.
- You can't have children without mothers!
- Mary harnessed/captured the wind.

Luke 1:26-38 New King James Version

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; [a]blessed are you among women!"

- The first thing we must recognize is that when the wind/word/will of God is being specifically targeted at your life, you have found the Lord's favor and presence!

29 But [b]when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I [c]do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

- The wind/power/Spirit of God will rest on you
- The power of the Highest will overshadow you! Lord overshadow us!
- Then the Holy One will be born and called the Son of God!
- When we are born again and permit ourselves to be overshadowed by and led by the spirit of God, we are also known as Sons of God!

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

- We must allow our barrenness to be overshadowed by the power of God!
- Why? Because with God nothing is impossible!
- **"When I catch the wind of God, nothing is impossible."**
- So how do we harness/catch the power of the wind and allow the energy/will/power of God to overshadow us?
- What did Mary say? There was a verbal expression of her willingness and obedience!

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

- “Here I am, the Lord’s servant, let it be to me according to your word, according to you wind, according to your will!”

Filled to Fulfill

Matthew 3:13-17 New King James Version

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

- May we have the ability to recognize wind resistance and oppose it!

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.

- Jesus was saying baptize me, I’m going to be overshadowed, filled to fulfill all righteousness!

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [a]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

- When we permit ourselves to be filled with the spirit of God, so that we can fulfill the purposes of God, we are sons who experience the pleasure of God.
- We must become carriers of God’s spirit, harnessing the wind of God for the supernatural work of God.

In > On

In the Old Testament, God would place His Spirit on His servants to complete certain tasks.

- Illustration of someone walking fast with money on their head as fast as they can until ordered to stop.

In the New Testament, under the new covenant, God puts His Spirit in His servants.

John 14:16-18 New Living Translation

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[a] who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.[b] 18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

- Illustration of someone walking fast with money in their hand, which remains after walking fast.

John 3:1-8 New Living Translation

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." 3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,[a] you cannot see the Kingdom of God." 4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" 5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.[b] 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.[c] 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You[d] must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

How will you know that you're born again? Because righteousness is your new being, not just your behavior. Righteousness is your first nature, while sin at times, is reflected in your behavior.

When you are a sinner, sin is your first nature, and righteousness can be in your behavior. If you're constantly trying to behave righteously, but it's not your new nature, you're not born again! Religious behavior does not equal a new identity in Christ.

When you're born again, sometimes there is sin in your behavior, but not in your nature! That is why you must repent and renew your mind. Renewing your mind restores your behavior to your righteous nature.

The prodigal son's nature didn't change; his behavior changed! When his right thinking returned, he said I'll go home and ask my father to change my nature from son to servant. I no longer deserve to be known as a son. But when he returned home, his father would not have any of that; he affirmed his nature, which would lead to the restoration of his behavior.

We are sons that sometimes act out of character, not sinners who sometimes act in character.

Luke 11:11-13 New Living Translation

11 "You fathers—if your children ask[a] for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."