

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." Psalms 24:1 NLT

As a good military officer must understand how to work with the weapons in his arsenal, we must also understand how to work with prophetic utterances to shift things both spiritually and physically. Prophetic utterance simply means speaking divinely inspired words because it's the power of God that makes the difference.

Everything in nature is already hard coded to respond to God's voice because He spoke everything into existence. When we speak His word things change, but we must understand there's a skill in understanding what to say to effect the change. This series we're looking at one of the elements of nature that is frequently mentioned in the Bible - the wind.

Wind is the perceptible movement of air in a direction and the Bible speaks specifically about four types of winds. Why is wind important? What does each type of wind signify and what does this mean for us as believers?

We will go through these and more as we delve into understanding the wind as a prophetic tool.

### Day 1 The Four Winds

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live." Ezekiel 37:9

In the record of creation, we see one consistency: God said and what he said came to be. This tells us that the earth was designed by God and everything in it including the four major elements in nature (air, earth, fire and water) all came into being based on God's instructions. Air in particular is an element that is referenced a lot in the Bible especially when speaking of wind. The Bible tells us not just that from a spiritual perspective there are specifically four winds with the ability to receive and carry out instructions.

Against Elam I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and scatter them toward all those winds... Jeremiah 49:36

And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. Mark 13:27

Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea." Daniel 7:2

We see that the winds function beyond just transferring air from one location to another. In the spiritual realm winds can gather, scatter, bring life, destruction, herald new seasons or end existing ones. The winds can function as agencies of transportation to send messages to people based on prophetic utterance.

'For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds' II Corinthians 10:4

'Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God...' I Corinthians 6:19

As believers who carry the Holy Spirit, we have the power to speak to elements knowing that things can shift as we do so. Thus, it's important we understand the four winds and what each one stands for so we can function effectively.

**Prayer:** Thank You Lord for opening my eyes to what You have made available to me. give me understanding so I can use prophetic tools effectively.

#### **East Wind**

"So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts." Exodus 10:13

Whenever we see the east wind in operation, it connotes a negative outcome. This is because east wind was deployed whenever there was a need to demonstrate God's might and power in bringing judgement, deliverance from enemies or the end to the works of the enemy in a situation. For instance, when pharaoh refused to release the Israelites, one of the plagues inflicted on Egypt included the locusts which were brought in by the east wind.

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided." Exodus 14:21

"In measure, by sending it away, You contended with it. He removes it by His rough wind in the day of the east wind." Isaiah 27:8

The east wind is also a tool for removing obstacles. When the Israelites were at the Red Sea, the east wind blew the sea apart so they could cross over safely. Isaiah also referred to the wind when speaking of Israel's restoration. Are there obstacles before you that need to be dealt with by the east wind?

"The east wind carries him [the wicked] away, and he is gone; It sweeps him out of his place." Job 27:21

"I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back and not the face In the day of their calamity."" Jeremiah 18:17

The east wind is used as a tool of judgement on the activities of the wicked in the lives of God's people. When this wind blows it can cause a scattering of those responsible for evil activities. This is needed because sometimes the resolution to an issue doesn't come from confrontation but from the opposition being removed from the position where they can exert undue negative influence.

**Prayer:** Lord let the east wind blow out of my life every demonic activity and obstacles the enemy has put in my way. Let the east wind scatter every evil gang up against me and all that concerns me.

### **West Wind**

"The Lord responded by shifting the wind, and the strong west wind blew the locusts into the Red Sea. Not a single locust remained in all the land of Egypt." Exodus 10:19

The west wind speaks of restoration and undoing the effects of devourers. In Exodus 10 we see the west wind used as an instrument of mercy in response to the prayer of Moses to remove the locusts from Egypt. We don't see any other specific mentions of the west wind in the Bible, but there are several references to God's restoration and restitution.

"For [the locusts]... ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees... So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt." Exodus 10:15

"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust..." Joel 2:25

East winds can also be initiated by the enemy and can leave a lot of destruction in its wake. Looking at what what happened in Egypt, the locusts caused significant devastation to the land. When the west wind blew not a single locust remained in Egypt, but because locusts are voracious devourers, the impact of their presence still remained in the land. One of the meanings of restoration is to make whole meaning it takes us back to the position we would have been had the devouring not taken place.

"People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house." Proverbs 6:30-31

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Restoration also adds restitution to it. Restitution means you get back an equivalent of what was lost or compensation for loss, damage, or injury caused. Which means that when the Lord brings restoration, He returns to us over and above what was lost initially. So it's not just going back to status quo, the Lord restores what was lost plus additional compensation. The Bible tells us that the minimum that we should demand is sevenfold.

Are there areas of your life that require restoration? Let the west wind of the Lord go into operation so we not only get back what was lost, but are also better off than before.

**Prayer:** Lord release the west wind over my life. Let it bring restoration and restitution for all that I have lost.

### **North Wind**

"The north wind brings forth rain..." Proverbs 25:23

The north wind is a welcome wind as rain speaks of nourishing the land, bringing fruitfulness and increase, similarly the North wind comes into play when we want good things to be spread on our behalf.

"And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed." Genesis 27:27

When it's about to rain there's typically a scent in the air which the wind makes stronger. Similarly, there's a fragrance our life carries and when the north wind blows on our life, it spreads our fragrance around. When Isaac was going to bless Jacob (who he thought was Esau) he declared over Jacob what his fragrance should be: that of a blessed field. This means that if the north wind was deployed over such a person's life it would spread a fragrance that would make that person attractive to people. This is one of the ways influence and favour is spread.

"Awake, north wind! Rise up, south wind! Blow on my garden and spread its fragrance all around. Come into your garden, my love; taste its finest fruits." Song of Songs 4:16

"of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king;" I Chronicles 12:31

One of the things the north wind does in addition to spreading a favourable aroma is to draw helpers our way. As the scent of favour blows, people are drawn to supporting and aligning with us in line with God's agenda for our life. The Bible tells us of 18k men who were designated by name to make David king. This tells us that the Lord has already earmarked specific people to help us become fruitful and there are also people we're assigned to support. One of the assignments we should send the north wind on is to draw these ones to us so we always have the right people around us.

**Prayer:** Lord let the north wind blow the scent of favour in my direction, spread my influence and cause helpers to arise on my behalf.

### **South Wind**

'Awake, O north wind, and come, O south! Blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its pleasant fruits.' Song of Solomon 4:16

'The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit.' Ecclesiastes 1:6

The North and South wind are similar in that they are welcome winds so they tend to go together. Ecclesiastes tells us that they function in a continuous manner so we can constantly give them instructions. As the North wind spreads our influence and favour, the South wind calms storms and brings peace.

"Why are your garments hot, when He quiets the earth by the south wind?" Job 37:17

'Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm... And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" Mark 4:39,41

Notice that Jesus rebuked the wind before speaking to the wave. He understood that what was happening wasn't an ordinary movement of air, but a wind that was sponsored by the spirit realm so He spoke to the source. We see from this that it is possible to speak to elements and have them respond to us. One of the things we have the capacity to speak to is the south wind which when deployed, calms storms and restores peace to situations and our lives.

**Prayer:** Lord let the South wind go into operation on my behalf and calm every storm that has risen against me.

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