**R941 Rumination for Feb. 05, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Wind** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: ***The wind*** *bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* John 3:8

The **T**hots:

1. **The Definition of the Wind:**
2. Its **E**ssential **M**eaning: The natural force of a **M**ovement of air of any velocity. Jn. 3:8 above
3. Its **E**xtended **M**etaphor:
4. The Physic**al** Breath of Life in human beings.Gen. 2:7
*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,*

*and breathed into his nostrils the breath* [wind] *of life; and man became a living soul.*

1. The Spiritu**al** Breath of Life: *…so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* Jn. 3:8b
2. The creative, infilling **P**erson and **P**ower of God and His Spirit.
3. As when the Spirit Descended on the **P**eople at **P**entecost: Acts 2:1-4

*When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,*

*and it filled all the house where they were sitting…And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,*

*and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

1. **The Different Directions of the Wind:**
2. The North and South Wind – *Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south;* Song of Songs 4:16
3. **S**poken of the **S**hulamite’s **D**esire – *blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out.*
4. The Shulamite’s **D**isposition: *Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.*
5. The Shulamite wanted to **B**e the **B**est for her **B**eloved. Song of Songs 4:12

 *A garden inclosed is my* ***S****ister, my* ***S****pouse; a* ***S****pring* ***S****hut up, a fountain* ***S****ealed.*

*His legs are as pillars of marble,* ***S****et upon* ***S****ockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely.*

*This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.* Song of Songs 5:15-16

* May this be our Expressed **D**esire too for our Lord that we may be attractive to Him.
1. The South Wind…
2. Is part of God’s **W**ondrous **W**orks: Job 37:14-18

*Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.*

*Dost thou know…the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?* 37:14, 15

1. And it **W**arms the Earth*:*
2. *How thy garments are warm, when He quieteth the earth by the south wind?* 37:17
3. *And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass* Lk. 12:55
* May we **W**armup to His **W**ondrous **W**orks this Lord’s Day Morning and **W**orship Him.
1. The East Wind
	1. It **S**corched the grain **S**prouting up Gen. 41:6, HCSB

*After them, seven heads of grain, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up.* Cf. 41:23, 27

1. *Moses* ***S****tretched forth his rod over…Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.* Exo. 10:13
2. *Moses* ***S****tretched out his hand over the* ***S****ea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a*

***S****trong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.* Exo. 14:21

* While the East Wind brings **S**torms, let us look above them for the **S**un.
1. The West Wind – It removed the **P**lague completely as God had **P**romised **P**haraoh. Exo. 10:19

*And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts,*

*and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt*

* May our “*locust*” thoughts be cleared up by His Spirit to Focus on the Lord Himself today.
1. **The Distinctive Dominant use of *Pneuma* (Spirit) for the Holy Spirit.**
2. The **G**reek word for Spirit is ***P****neuma*.

 It is from (Gk. *pneo*); a *current* of air, i.e. *breath* (*blast*) or a *breeze*; by analogy or figurative a *spirit*,

1. Thus, the rational *soul* of a **P**erson’s inner being (in distinction from the body);
2. And the **P**ersonal Spirit of God…
3. **...G**enerating, communicating, and sanctifying Christians forming them into the body of Christ:
4. *Jesus answered…Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit…the wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* Jn. 3:5-8. Rom. 8:14-16; 1 Cor. 12:7-13
5. *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have…received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:* Rom. 8:14-16
* Let us be led by the Spirit to **R**emember our Lord and to **R**evere Him this day.

*O God of mighty wind and flame Who fills your church with power,*

 *We gather here in Jesus’ name, To ask your help this hour.* Carolyn W. Gil­lette

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 941**

1. Last month my wife and I visited our son and his family at Clearwater in Florida. For the first time, we experienced the **cold chilly wind that blew in from the north**. It was the first time in ten to twenty years that sunny Florida encountered such a cold blast from the north. There was no snow nor rain. It was just the wind and because it came from the Arctic North it was ever so chilly and freezingly cold that I was forced to cover myself from head to toe with thick warm clothing when going out for my morning walk. The road itself was misty and cold. The temperature was about 5-10 degrees Celsius.



Following was the weather forecast for that period taken from: Treasure Coast Newspapers – *The cold front is forecast to arrive in Florida Friday.*

*A hard freeze warning was issued for several Panhandle counties.*

*In some areas, temperatures could drop to the lowest in 20 years.*

*An*[*arctic cold front blasting much of the U.S.*](https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/nation/2022/12/21/winter-storm-warning-forecast-blizzard-frigid-temps/10937260002/)*with dangerously low temperatures is moving closer to Florida. The front hit the central Plains Wednesday and forecasters warned residents temperatures could dip by 20 or more degrees within just a few hours.*

*More than 50 million Americans were*[*under a wind chill warning*](https://www.weather.gov/images/crh/dhs/wwa_population.png)*Wednesday as the brutal cold and dangerous wind chills threatened the northern Plains en route to the East Coast by Friday.*

Being so used to wearing informal attire (and the more so in Florida) with a T-shirt and a sports shorts, I could even step in practically every shop without much notice or criticism from anyone, so unlike Malaysia with its religious and cultural norms.

However, this need to cover myself up to protect my body became compulsory. It reminds me of Paul’s advice to the Ephesian Christians, as recorded in Eph. 6:11-17 as follows:

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*

Today many Christians and Churches meet the Chilly north winds of false doctrines and teachings which are so deceptive that many have been taken in unaware and have fallen prey to their traps. Timothy’s warning is still as relevant today: II Tim. 4:3, 4 – *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

May the Lord’s Warm Attire and Armour preserve us from the chilly cold freezing doctrines of the North Wind. **REFLECT**

1. How do you manage your Christian life? Do you just Follow and Flow with the Current Chilly wind of False Doctrine and Teaching? Take heed to what Paul has to say: Ephesians 4:14 –

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*; **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *If you* ***W****ish to know the divine,* ***F****eel the* ***South******W****ind of God’s*

 ***W****ondrous* ***W****orks on your* ***F****ace and the* ***W****arm* ***S****un on your hand.*