

Acts 2:2  
Suddenly a sound  
like the blowing of a violent wind  
came from heaven and  
filled the whole house where they were sitting

## The wind

When I was a new believer, I used to do word bible studies when I did not know where to find a particular scripture. I would hit on a word that I think was part of the verse or concept, go to the index, and begin searching the scriptures. I usually ended up on rabbit trails, but I also saw trends and connections in scripture that I might not see otherwise. Now one of my favorite things to do is a word study, picking a word that comes to me for whatever reason, and seeing what the Bible yields.

During worship a couple of weeks ago, we sang a new song “He is Faithful” by For All Seasons. The song begins with “I have heard a sound, coming on the wind, changing hearts and minds, healing brokenness.” Great song! My mind began thinking about some of the scriptures that talk about the wind and how the LORD uses it as a mechanism for so many things.

The wind is like a heartbeat – you don’t really notice it until it is either strenuous or skips a beat, or when you need it; but it is always present. Yet the LORD has used the wind to bring many of His events into place.

- ❖ Genesis 8:1 - God sent a wind over the earth that receded the waters from the land so He could free Noah and his family from the ark
- ❖ Genesis 41 - A wind heralded seven years of drought in Joseph’s Egypt
- ❖ Exodus 10 - God used the wind to bring plagues upon Egypt to free the Israelites from slavery
- ❖ Exodus 14 - He used the wind to split the Red Sea and then in Exodus 15 to cover up Israel’s enemies when they followed
- ❖ Numbers 15 - The wind brought quail to His people in the desert

- ❖ Job 1 - The LORD allowed a mighty wind to tear down Job's house upon his family, to show the devil how Job would not abandon his faith
- ❖ Matthew 14 - God used a strong wind on the Sea of Galilee to awaken the disciples to Jesus' power, not just to protect them, but also in Mark 4 to calm the sea
- ❖ John 3 - The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.
- ❖ Acts 2 - Reveals a rushing and mighty wind ushered in the power of the mighty spirit, enabling the disciples to speak in all the languages of those listening
- ❖ Ephesians 4 - Admonishes us to not be swayed by every wind of doctrine
- ❖ Revelation 7 - Four angels will stand at the four corners of the earth and hold back the winds. (Matthew Henry describes these four winds as being those mechanisms that carry the sin and temptation to which man is prone.)

There are many, many more references to wind; I just grabbed a few. They show the power and might of God, something over which man has no control, especially on a worldwide scale. And out of the many references, there are a few that directly affect our spirit, that enter into us. They are spoken to us in a softer tone, but with the same immense resurrection power of God behind them.

- ❖ Genesis 2:7 - The LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and *breathed* into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
- ❖ John 20 - And with that Jesus *breathed* on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit
- ❖ 2 Timothy 3 - All Scripture is *God-breathed* and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

There is no real point or lesson to this study, except perhaps that sometimes it is just fun to see how something that is as intangible as the wind, and uncontrollable by man, is completely under the control of the LORD.