

<p>I . In Ezekiel 1:4 the storm wind from the north is a figure, a picture, of the powerful Spirit of God: <u>Ezekiel 1:4</u> And I looked, and there came a storm wind from the north, a great cloud and a fire flashing incessantly; and there was a brightness around it, and from the midst of it there was something like the sight of electrum, from the midst of the fire.</p>	<p>A. A storm wind coming from the north indicates that the mighty Spirit comes from God: <u>Psalms75:6</u> For neither from the east nor from the west, And neither from the south, does exaltation come; <u>7</u> For God is the Judge: He puts this one down and exalts that one.</p>	<p>1. God, who is at the north, is always up; spiritually speaking, when we are going north, we are going up to God.</p> <p>2. The fact that the storm wind came from the north means that it came from God; this reveals that the dwelling place of God is the source of all spiritual things.</p>		
	<p>B. In Ezekiel 1:4 the wind is a sign of the blowing of the Holy Spirit upon us to take care of us, causing us to have God’s life :</p>	<p>1. The breathing of the Spirit in John 20 is for life, and the blowing of the Spirit in Acts 2 is for God’s move. <u>Acts2:2</u> And suddenly there was a sound out of heaven, as of a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <u>4</u> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.</p> <p>2. The essential aspect of the Spirit for living is symbolized by the breath; the economical aspect of the Spirit for ministry is symbolized by the rushing violent wind.</p>		
	<p>C. Our spiritual experiences always begin with a spiritual storm :</p>	<p>1. God’s visitation begins with the blowing of the wind of God upon our being.</p> <p>2. The Spirit as the blowing wind brought God to us for our regeneration.</p>		
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<p>4. According to church history, throughout all the generations the Spirit of God has blown like a mighty wind to cause people to repent of their sins, to believe in the Lord Jesus for their regeneration, to give up the world in order to follow the Lord, and to be desperate in heart and burning in spirit to serve the Lord.</p> <p>5. Every storm is worth recalling; every storm has a pleasant remembrance; whenever God visits us and revives us, His Spirit blows upon us like a mighty wind.</p>				
<p>II . The cloud in Ezekiel 1:4 is a figure of God covering His people:</p>	<p>A. The cloud here is a figure of God as the Spirit abiding with His people and covering them in order to care for them and show favor to them; when the Holy Spirit comes to us and touches us, He is like the wind; when the Holy Spirit stays with us and overshadows us, He is like the cloud.</p>			
	<p>B. The blowing of the wind brings the presence of God to us in the form of a heavenly, brooding, overshadowing cloud. <u>Exodus13:21</u>And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night.</p>			
	<p>C. The cloud is nothing other than the brooding God; God comes as the wind, but He stays as the cloud.</p>			
	<p>D. We may sense that the grace and glory of God are upon us, covering us as a canopy.</p>			
	<p>E. By staying with us as the cloud, God covers us, overshadows us, and broods over us to give us the enjoyment of His presence; in this way He produces something of Himself in our daily life.</p>			
	<p>F. The cloud also signifies God’s care for His people and His favor toward them; in His gracious visitation God comes to us like a cloud to care for us and to show favor to us; after God blows upon us, we sense that He is overshadowing us and exercising His care for us; we can sense both His presence and His care. <u>Proverbs 16:15</u> In the light of the king's countenance is life, And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.</p>			
	<p>G. Together, the wind and the cloud indicate that important spiritual transactions are about to take place between God and His people.</p>			
<p>III. According to Ezekiel 1:4, the wind brings in the cloud, and within the cloud is the fire :</p>	<p>A. The fire seen by Ezekiel signifies God’s burning and sanctifying power. <u>Exodus 24:17</u> And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah was like consuming fire on the top of the mountain to the eyes of the children of Israel. <u>Deuteronomy 4:24</u> For Jehovah your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. <u>Hebrews 12:29</u> For our God is also a consuming fire.</p>			
	<p>B. The fact that there is fire in the cloud means that when we are overshadowed by the Spirit, we are enlightened by Him</p>			
	<p>C. In Ezekiel 1:4 fire symbolizes burning power for purging, purifying, sanctifying, and motivating in God’s move; whenever God visits us, His holy fire comes to consume in us everything that does not match His holy nature and disposition.</p>			
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	<p>Spirit burns in us, the more we are purified and enlightened; only what matches the holiness of God can pass through His holy fire; everything that does not match God's holiness must be burned away:</p>	<p>than God, for only God can pass through the burning; we all need to be transformed by being burned:</p>	<p>humility, kindness, and love.</p> <p>b. The holy fire burns not only our weak points but also our strong points, including everything in us that we and others admire and appreciate.</p> <p>c. Under the burning of the holy fire, our "I" will fall apart and be dissolved.</p> <p>2. As we are under His shining, we should confess our need for His burning and then pray for Him to burn away our self, our old nature, our disposition, our worldliness, and our attitudes, goals, aims, motives, and intentions.</p> <p>3. As we experience the burning of the consuming fire, God Himself is manifested in us.</p>
<p>IV. The issue of the blowing of the wind, the covering of the cloud, and the burning of the fire is the glowing electrum—the radiant expression of the redeeming God:</p>	<p>A. Electrum is an alloy of gold and silver; gold signifies the nature of God, and silver signifies redemption:</p>	<p>1. Our God is not merely the Divine Being, signified by the gold; He is also the redeeming God, signified by the silver.</p> <p>2. According to the book of Revelation, the One on the throne is not just God and not just the Lamb but the Lamb-God, the redeeming God:</p> <p>3. As the electrum, the Lord Jesus is the One who has redeemed us and who is everything to us.</p>	<p>a. There is one throne for both God and the Lamb; this indicates that God and the Lamb are one—the Lamb-God, the redeeming God, God the Redeemer.</p> <p>b. God as the light is in the Lamb as the lamp: <u>Revelation 21:23</u> And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.</p> <p>(1) Without the Lamb as the lamp, God's shining over us would kill us.</p> <p>(2) The Lamb as the lamp expresses God as light in a very pleasant and approachable way.</p> <p>(3) Because the divine light shines through the Redeemer, the light is lovable, and we even walk in this light.</p> <p>1. The electrum appears from the midst of the fire; this indicates that the burning of the fire is for the manifestation of the electrum.</p> <p>2. After we have experienced the wind, the cloud, and the fire, the only thing that remains is the glowing electrum, the redeeming God.</p> <p>3. The more we pass through God's wind, cloud, and fire, the more the Lord is manifested in us in a dignified and glorious way, and we sense that He alone is precious, lovely, bright, and majestic.</p> <p>1. The experience of the wind, the cloud, and the fire has made it possible for us to have Him, the redeeming God, within us as the glowing electrum.</p> <p>2. As the electrum within us, the Lord is the treasure of incomparable worth—a treasure that is wonderful, marvelous, precious, and glorious.</p> <p>D. The more we experience the blowing wind, the covering cloud, and the consuming fire, the more the electrum is constituted into our being, making us a people who are filled with the Triune God and who manifest His glory. <u>Ephesians 3:17</u> That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>19</sup> And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.<sup>21</sup> To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.</p>
<p>V. The spiritual history of every Christian should be a story of the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum:</p>	<p>A. Every time we are graced by the Lord, we have spiritual transactions with Him involving the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum.</p> <p>B. Throughout our Christian life, our spiritual experiences should be a continual cycle involving the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum; every time this cycle is repeated, more electrum is constituted into our being and brought forth, making us a people who are filled with the Triune God and who manifest His glory.</p>		
<p>VI. As we experience the blowing wind, the overshadowing cloud, the burning fire, and the glowing electrum, we become the vision of the glory of God. <u>Ezekiel 1:1</u> the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. <sup>28</sup> Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, ...This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. <u>Revelation 21:10-11</u> And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> Having the glory of God.</p>		<p>A. If in our personal spiritual experience we have the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum, then whenever we gather together, we will be the vision of the electrum, having a precious treasure in us that is shining and glowing.</p> <p>B. "Whatever we experience, enjoy, and realize of our Lord Jesus Christ is also our experience, enjoyment, and realization of the Triune God. He is revealed to such a great extent, and we must experience and enjoy Him to such an extent. Our enjoyment then becomes His testimony, and this living testimony is the present revelation of Jesus Christ. First, He is revealed, then we enjoy Him and become His testimony, and eventually our testimony becomes His present revelation"</p>	

**Experience:** ① God's visitation always begins with the blowing of the wind of God upon our being ... [Perhaps a spiritual storm] caused you to consider the meaning of human life and...to ask yourself about where you came from and where you were going....We all need to experience the Lord's presence like a brooding, overshadowing cloud. We should not be content with mere doctrines and teachings. Instead of coming to the Bible seeking more knowledge, we need to seek the Lord Himself. When we come to the Word, we should pray, "Lord, I need the wind and the cloud. Lord, blow upon me as a stormy wind from the north and cover me with the overshadowing cloud. Come to me as the wind and stay with me as the cloud."

**School life (junior high/high school student) model:** When becoming a high school student, thinking about the significance of life will begin. With questions like, why am I alive? What is the goal of my life? Where from and where to, etc. inside you. At time like this, you should utilize the spirit, go before the Lord and pray as follows, "Lord Jesus, why am I here and not sure of the role I am having. Oh, Lord Jesus, please come and tell me. "If you pray like this, God will come to you as a stormy wind. This stormy wind will also blow away "your old awareness on the Bible truth simply as doctrinal" that you treat it as irrelevant to your daily life". Or "the envying of your unbeliever friends at the sight of seemingly fun, the believing of church life is useless and vain", will also be exposed and blown away it. As a junior high and/or high school student, you should have such an experience. God's stormy wind that comes through the prayer is showing that God actually loves you, that is bringing you back to the truth, the Word of God that is worthy of permanence, and your future is greatly blessed. Hallelujah!

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another from a pure heart fervently, 23 Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God. 24 For "all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass has withered, and the flower has fallen off, 25 But the word of the Lord abides forever." And this is the word which has been announced to you as the gospel.

② Our spiritual experiences always begin with a spiritual storm. According to church history, throughout all the generations the Spirit of God has blown like a mighty wind to move people to repent of their sins, to believe in the Lord Jesus for their regeneration, to give up the world in order to follow the Lord and to be desperate in heart and burning in spirit to serve the Lord. Have you not had this kind of experience? ... If you have never had such experiences, you need to look to the Lord and pray for His wind from the north to blow upon you. The source of the fire is the blowing wind with the covering cloud. From this we see that the fire does not come to us directly. God comes to us as the blowing wind and stays with us as the covering cloud. Under His covering we are exposed by His shining. As we are under His shining, we should confess our need for His burning and then pray for Him to burn away our self, our old nature, our disposition, our worldliness, and our attitudes, goals, aims, motives, and intentions. We all need to be burned by the Lord in this way. One such burning is better than a thousand teachings.

**School life (college student/graduate student) model:** You as a college student and/or graduate student, after experiencing the blowing wind and covering cloud, you bound to sense the burning

fire in you. This fire puts your attitude, goals, motivations, and intentions under the light, exposes and burns them. In the early 18 to 20's, you need to deeply touch the inside of your heart, not on what you will do, but on what motivation you will have. For example, brothers and sisters said Amen in a loud voice to the testimony of other brothers and sisters of your generation, but the Amen voices to your testimony were small that had stumbled you and your willingness to participate in the meeting faded away. At a time like this, you begin to think of various kinds of excuses for not wanting to participate in the meeting. This is the impurity in you. Various types of sins are coming out from this impurity. You need to deal with the impure motives deep inside your heart from a young age. Otherwise, you can never be able to root yourself deeply in Christ. Everything you do is shallow and superficial. You need to have your corrupted motives and intentions deep in your heart while you are still a student, and the experience of being burn up is absolutely necessary for your future growth. Amen!

③ The more you pursue the Lord, the more you will realize that the holy fire burns not only your weak points but also your strong points, including your natural goodness, your natural virtues, and everything in you that you and others admire, appreciate, and hold in high regard. Like Augustine, you may eventually feel that even your confession and tears of repentance need the Lord's cleansing. The issue of the blowing of the wind, the covering of the cloud, and the burning of the fire is the radiant manifestation of the electrum. As we experience the burning of the consuming fire, God Himself is manifested in us. The more we pass through God's wind, cloud, and fire, the more the Lord is manifested in us in a dignified and glorious way. When He is manifested in such a way, we sense that He alone is precious, lovely, bright, majestic, and glorious. Like the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, we see "no one except Jesus Himself alone" (Matt. 17:8). The only one in view, the only one in the scene, is the lovely, precious, glorious Lord Jesus. Then we can do nothing other than bow before Him, worship Him, exalt Him, crown Him, and pour out everything to Him. In this way we gain the Lord, and He gains us.

**Business life model:** Your spiritual experience is the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum. The electrum is a treasure of infinite value of the indwelling Christ. This experience should be in a continuous cycle. As this circulation repeats itself, each time more electrum is formed and created in your being, you will be filled with the Triune God and become a person who expresses the glory of God. In business life, the Lord sends the wind, the cloud and the fire to you through different kinds of hardships, sudden changes, promotions and other environments you face. The more properly you experience the wind, the cloud, and the fire from the Lord, the more electrum and Christ's glory will be added in you. That way, no matter how hard the outside environment can be, there will always be a way out prepared for you. And you will become a person who expresses Christ significantly. Hallelujah.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us. 8 We are pressed on every side but not constricted; unable to find a way out but not utterly without a way out; 10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

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その霊の豊満 — 風

- 1 ぼう風きたから吹いている、かぜよ、吹けや！  
このかぜ、かみをもたらず、かぜよ、吹けや！  
吹けや、はげしいかぜ、吹けや、いのちへ！  
吹けや、めぐみのかぜ、吹けや、かみへと！
- 2 かぜのあとにくもがあり、われら、おおう！  
かみの臨さいをもたらし、われら、おおう！  
おおう、かみのくもは、かみはとどまる。  
おおう、めぐみのくも、ちから、なぐさめ。
- 3 くもととも火きらめく、われら、燃やせ！  
つみ、たましい、にくばく露す、われら、燃やせ！  
燃やせ！かみのほのお、絶えず燃やせや！  
燃やせ！このほのおで、かん全に燃やせ！
- 4 火からこはくきんが出て、ひかりはなつ！  
あがなうかみ、わがけい験、ひかりはなつ！  
照らす！金ぎんのかみ、照らし、見せませ！  
小ひつじ・かみはいま、われらのきょう受。
- 5 かぜ、くも、火、こはくきんはつくり込まれ、  
つくり込まれる循かんは絶えずつづく。  
吹き、覆い、燃やし、照り、われを所有せよ。  
なれを絶えず享受し、なれ表げんする。

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Experience of Christ - Trusting Him

- 1 There's a stormy wind a-blowing from the north;  
Let it blow! Let it blow!  
God as our exp'rience will the wind bring forth;  
Let it blow! Let it blow!  
Let it blow! The rushing mighty wind;  
Let it blow us into life!  
Let it blow! The gracious wind of God;  
Let it blow us into Christ!

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圣灵の丰满—風

- \_一\_ 看哪，暴风刮自北方，力无穷；  
来吹动！来吹动！是神眷临，使人翻转得复兴；  
来吹动！来吹动！  
来吹动！圣灵强风吹动，使我悔改得生命！  
来吹动！恩典大风吹动，使我主里得复兴！
- \_二\_ 看哪，还有一朵大云随风到；  
来覆盖！来覆盖！主同在如云满足所有需要；  
来覆盖！来覆盖！  
来覆盖！神来与人相交，覆庇、加力又照料！  
来覆盖！神恩如云围绕，带来安慰和荣耀！
- \_三\_ 云中又有烈火不断的闪烁；  
来焚烧！来焚烧！罪、肉体、魂生命再无处可躲；  
来焚烧！来焚烧！  
来焚烧！神圣嫉妒烈火，烧遍全人每角落！  
来焚烧！神外一切尽脱，天然、旧造都灭没！
- \_四\_ 火中发出金银合金显光耀；在显耀！在显耀！  
救赎之神经历宝贵又高超；  
在显耀！在显耀！  
在显耀！我们今已尝到羔羊神丰美味道！  
在显耀！救赎之神荣耀，彰显于人，何奇妙！
- \_五\_ 风、云、火、金的经历将人点活；  
多又多！多又多！愿这循环将我重构永不辍；  
多又多！多又多！  
风吹到！云覆盖！火焚烧！金银合金显荣耀！  
愿与主如此全然相调，使主荣形得显照！

- \_2\_ There's a hov'ring cloud a-following the wind,  
Covering us! Covering us!  
And the presence of the Lord the cloud does  
bring,  
Covering us! Covering us!  
Covering us, God's overshadowing cloud —  
God has come to stay with us.  
Covering us, the gracious cloud of God —  
Strength and comfort glorious!

- \_3\_ With the cloud continually a fire does flash  
Burning us! Burning us!  
It exposes sin, the soul life, and the flesh,  
Burning us! Burning us!  
Let it burn! The jealous flame of God;  
Let it burn continually!  
Let it burn! This all-consuming flame;  
Let it burn us thoroughly!

- \_4\_ Then from out the fire does the electrum glow,  
Shining forth! Shining forth!  
The redeeming God does our experience  
show,  
Shining forth! Shining forth!  
Let Him shine! This gold and silver One;  
Let Him shine for all to see!  
'Tis the Lamb-God who has now become  
Our enjoyment inwardly.

- \_5\_ Let the wind, cloud, fire and th' electrum be  
Wrought in us, o'er and o'er;  
Let this cycle be repeated constantly  
More and more, more and more!  
Blow and hover, burn and shine forth, Lord,  
All our being to possess,  
That we all may gain Thee constantly  
All Thy likeness to express.