

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, 'Peace, be still.' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39 KJV



The sea would be calm if not for the wind. Scripture tells us that Satan is the Prince and power of the air. When He causes circumstances to billow around us and threaten to capsize our vessel, believers need to remember that He who is with us is the Master of all tempests. Jesus had no worry or anxiety about the imminent danger that surrounded the vessel, because He knew what caused it and had the power to stop it. Remember the hymn that says, *"He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey?"* The Master is not disturbed by circumstances. He has known them all from eternity past and decreed laws to predetermined every consequence! He is in complete control and His plan is still on schedule! The "Air Prince" does not pose any threat to the Saviour or His children. He can go no further or do any more than he is allowed. The sea may rush the shore in 20 foot tsunamis, but it must always return to its boundaries! God numbers each hair of our head, and He would be instantly aware if one was missing. Satan is bound by the Word of the Master. He can stir up a frenzied storm, but he cannot touch us if the Master is onboard. *"Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."* At God's command the wind must cease. His power is infinite, but He has given us the freedom of choice. Man's choices never threaten the Sovereignty of the Great I AM! God has determined the consequences and tells us plainly what they are. Ants can do as they please as long as they stay outdoors, but if they cross your threshold who determines the consequence of that choice? Do you care if they were enticed or do you just get rid of them? We are given the freedom to refuse sin's enticement. However, refusal of God's Law guarantees the Lake of Fire. No one in hell can complain that they were forced. They are there by their own choice. Why would a loving God send anyone to Hell? The question then remains, *"Why would anyone choose hell over a loving God?"* It is truly a fool who chooses hell over heaven! The contrast of consequences is so stark that even a child can distinguish the wise choice. There is no great mystery surrounding faith. The choice is simple: Obey and live; Disobey and die. Obedience brings infinite blessings. Satan has an infinite hatred of righteousness. He infuses his followers with that hatred through love of pleasure. *"No man can serve two masters."* Satan cannot harm the believer's soul, because our *"Life is hid with Christ in God. Jesus answered and said... 'I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'"* Believers can fearlessly destroy even the very gates of hell if the need arises, because God is with us and there is no greater power in eternity! *"Draw nigh to God...resist the devils and he will flee!"* Notice the order of events. Get close to God and Satan is no threat!

Our Lord commands and storms will cease,
His Word will do as He doth please,
His Love, our side, will never leave,
If to His Truth by faith we cleave. ~CGP

It seems the wind is on the rise all around us, but Master is not disturbed by it and we can trust in His total command of anything that may suddenly arise. Don't venture into life's sea without the Master onboard!

"For by Him were ALL things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before ALL things, and by Him ALL things consist." Colossians 1:16-17 KJV