"The wind bloweth where it listeth." The wind has great liberty to go where it wants. It sweeps through the fields and over the tops of mountains. As it skims the water's surface it also cuts deep into the forests, reaching all nooks and crannies. It blows with all the power of The Almighty's blast or the softness of His whisper, influencing great and small, rich and poor, old and young.

"Thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth." The wind totally encompasses man with a tremendous roar, as from a bolting train, but yet is totally unable to determine its motivation, its cyclical beginning from its ending, its top from its bottom. overpowered by it, yet unable to hold it.

"so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8).

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"There are Three that bear Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One" (1John 5:7). The Omnipotent Holy Wind, God's Spirit, abides ONLY in the person who PRESENTLY OBEYS God. "The Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to them that obey (present tense) Him" (Acts 5:32). The obedient child of God and the Holy Spirit of the Father function in unity-- One with the Father and with the Son. "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me [the Son], and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us" (John 17:21). We are given to the Son by the Father. "Holy Father, keep through Thine Own Name those whom Thou hast given Me [the Son], that they may be one, as We are" (John 17:11). We are, by the Spirit, to "speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among [us]; but that [we] be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1Corinthians 1:10).

To be "born of the Spirit", Who "bloweth where [He] listeth", is to be "one" with Him. To be "one" with Him "in the same mind and in the same judgment" is to be "one" with Him in character and purpose. Therefore, "so is every one that is born of the Spirit." *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6) to share His motives in where and why He "bloweth". The world can't see Him, can't understand Him, can't know Him. But He has not been "given" to them. "The Spirit of Truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). The obedient children of Abba, through intercession, "bloweth where [He] listeth", having great liberty to go where He desires, sweeping through fields and over mountain tops, skimming the water's surface and cutting deep into forests, nooks and crannies, enabled with all the Power of The Almighty's blast or with the softness of His whisper, influencing great and small, rich and poor, old and young. The world "hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence [He] cometh, and whither [He] goeth", though they are totally surrounded by His tremendous roar, as from a bolting train, they are yet totally unable to determine His motivation,His cyclical beginning from ending, His top from His bottom. They are overpowered by Him, yet unable to hold Him. But He has not been "given to them". "The Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him" are the ones who "know Him; for He dwelleth with [them], and shall be in [them]." "That [they] be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment", "perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2Corinthians 7:1). "So is every one that is born of the Spirit."

- Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

- John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you Another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever."

- Romans 8:15-16 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but 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."

- Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."
1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned."

1 John 4:6 "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error."

Must "Reads" for the "diligent":
"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule" (Proverbs 12:24).

1. Intercession Promises: Casting The Net -- http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Promises/Intercession Promises.html --
Or, Help in Becoming Fishers of Men
"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

2. Exceeding Great and Precious Promises -- http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Promises/Exceeding Promises.html --
Or, How God Has Ingeniously Designed His Promises to Sanctify His People
by Tom Stewart
Our day-to-day needs have been ordained by God to cause us the necessity of discovering some new aspect of the character of the LORD Jesus that we may lay hold of by means of the Exceeding Great and Precious Promises. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

by Andrew Murray (1828-1917)
Who is Sufficient for These Things? - "The more we study and try to practice this grace of intercession, the more we become overwhelmed by its greatness and our feebleness. Let every such impression lead us to listen: My grace is sufficient for thee, and to answer truthfully: Our sufficiency is of God. Take courage; it is in the intercession of Christ you are called to take part. The burden and the agony, the triumph and the victory are all His. Learn from Him, yield to His Spirit in you, to know how to pray. He gave Himself a sacrifice to God for men, that He might have the right and power of intercession. 'He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.' Let your faith rest boldly on His finished work. Let your heart wholly identify itself with Him in His death and His life. Like Him, give yourself to God a sacrifice for men; it is your highest nobility; it is your true and full union with Him; it will be to you, as to Him, your power of intercession. Beloved Christian! come and give your whole heart and life to intercession, and you will know its blessedness and its power. God asks nothing less; the world needs nothing less; Christ asks nothing less; let us offer to God nothing less."