

week I was looking up an ~~article~~ article in a Bible Dictionary which happened to have been written by this man to whom I had talked about this verse 20 yrs. ago, and I found that though he seemed rather irritated at my idea at that time, he had subsequently accepted the idea and improved on it. And so I found that in this article he referred to this vs. and he said this verse would much better be translated: The Spirit breathes where He chooses; you hear His voice but you do not know where He comes from nor where He goes, so is everyone who is born from the spirit." So he adopted my idea and improved on it, and I personally think it gives a much better understanding of this vs. in John 3. Now the fact that he and I agree on it doesn't prove it is correct. We may yet be false. But it does seem to me that it does not fit the facts that you cannot tell where the wind comes from, while it does fit the facts that you cannot tell when or where the Spirit acts except as you see the results of His actions. So I personally believe that it is correct.

But the main thing that I want to speak of today, is not that so much, as the relation of the Spirit with the flesh. Now we find this brought out in very strong language in Gal. 5:17 - "For the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh and these are contrary ~~to~~ ^{the} one to the other." Now that is very very strong. If you took that just by itself, you could ~~we~~ well think that the Flagellants of the Middle Ages were correct when they would go down the streets in processions with great leather thongs with pieces of iron fastened to them, hitting themselves, on their bare backs with the blood flowing and thousands of people watching them and thinking they were very saintly because of the way they were treating their bodies. It is said that Philip II, the Spanish king who sent the Armada to conquer England and destroy Protestantism in England, when he died left as his special legacy to his son and successor the hair-shirt which he wore next to his body in order ~~to~~ to irritate and punish the body because the flesh lusts against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, and we must destroy this physical evil body that we have? Now there have been those that think that the body is evil and we should destroy it if we can. But I do not believe that that is a correct interpretation