

# Luke 12:54

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

## Analysis

**And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is** (Ἐλεγεν δὲ καὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις, Ὄταν ἴδητε τὴν νεφέλην ἀνατέλλουσαν ἀπὸ δυσμῶν, εὐθέως λέγετε, Ὄμβρος ἔρχεται· καὶ γίνεται οὕτως)—Jesus shifts from division to discernment, addressing ochlois (crowds). Palestinian meteorology was observable: clouds from the west (Mediterranean Sea) brought rain. Eutheos (straightway, immediately) indicates instant recognition. **And so it is** (καὶ γίνεται οὕτως)—their predictions prove accurate.

Jesus uses weather-reading ability to indict spiritual blindness. They expertly interpret natural signs but miss prophetic fulfillment standing before them. This introduces his critique (vv.54-56): they're weather-smart but messiah-blind, demonstrating selective perception serving their interests.

## Historical Context

In Mediterranean climate, westerly winds from the sea brought moisture and rain, while southern desert winds (v.55) brought scorching heat. This pattern was reliable enough for agricultural planning. Jesus uses universally recognized meteorological knowledge to expose their selective discernment—they see what they want to see.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What 'signs' do you expertly read in your areas of interest while remaining blind to spiritual realities?
2. How does selective perception prevent you from recognizing God's work or word?
3. What uncomfortable spiritual 'weather patterns' might you be deliberately ignoring?

## Interlinear Text

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he said And also G3588 to the people When ye see G3588 a cloud  
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ἀνατέλλουσαν ἀπὸ δυσμῶν εὐθέως λέγετε Ὄμβρος  
rise out of the west straightway he said a shower  
G393 G575 G1424 G2112 G3004 G3655

ἔρχεται καὶ γίνεται οὕτως.  
There cometh also it is so  
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