

Luke 12:55

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

Analysis

And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass (καὶ ὅταν νότον πνέοντα, λέγετε ὅτι Καύσων ἔσται· καὶ γίνεται) —the south wind (notos) from the Negev desert brought kausōn (scorching heat, burning). Again, **and it cometh to pass**—meteorological accuracy. Jesus acknowledges their competence in natural observation and prediction. They aren't stupid or unobservant; their perception is selective.

The parallel structure (west/rain, south/heat) emphasizes their consistent accuracy in weather-reading while building toward the indictment: why can't they read the times? Their blindness isn't intellectual incapacity but willful refusal—they interpret what serves them and ignore what condemns them.

Historical Context

The sirocco (south/southeast wind) from Arabian and Negev deserts could raise temperatures dramatically, wither vegetation, and create dangerous conditions. This wind pattern appears throughout Scripture (Job 37:17, Jeremiah 18:17, Hosea 13:15). Jesus's audience would instantly recognize the reference—they lived by reading these patterns.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What areas of life do you demonstrate keen perception while cultivating willful blindness in other areas?
2. How does comfort or self-interest determine what 'signs' you choose to recognize or ignore?
3. In what ways might you be weather-wise but spiritually foolish?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὅταν	νότον	πνέοντα	λέγετε	ὅτι	Καύσων
And	when	ye see the south wind	blow	ye say	G3754	heat
G2532	G3752	G3558	G4154	G3004		G2742
ἔσται	καὶ	γίνεται				
There will be	And	it cometh to pass				
G2071	G2532	G1096				

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