

WORD OF THE DAY



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"As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything"

A Marvelous Mystery



A Wise Man Speaks. The Book of Ecclesiastes is said by Bible scholars to have been written by King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. Ecclesiastes is said to be in the category of Bible books called the [Books of Poetry and Wisdom](#). These books include Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomon. In chapter 11 of the Book of Ecclesiastes, the author starts in verse one by telling the reader to "[Cast thy bread upon the waters](#)". This metaphor of putting your bread on the waters relates to an attitude of living freely and generously, not forfeiting opportunities to help others due to the fear of not having enough for one's self.

Wind and the Mystery of Birth. As the chapter continues, we come to the verse of the day in which the author states, "[As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.](#)" In verse 5, we see two other analogies used to explain the mysterious ways in which God works; the image of a pregnant woman and the formation of a baby in her womb, and the movement of the wind. We are told that just as we do not fully understand these two things, in similar manner, we do not know and do not comprehend how God works.

Faith over Fear. As humans we have been created in God's image and therefore we are very intelligent. However, sometimes our intelligence and our desire to neatly categorize things and have them fit into a structure that is palatable for our conscious consumption, limits our ability to fully trust in the Lord. In our verse of the day, it is implied that the reason why some may not "[Cast their bread](#)" unto the waters, or live generously for others, is because they first want to figure out how God will take care of their needs. Therefore they do not take the risk of acting for the benefit of others. However, our lack of understanding of how God will make a way must not be a barrier to being obedient and living life to fullest as we have been called to do so in Christ.

-Your brother in Christ, [WNL](#)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We deceive ourselves when we think that if only we knew God's plans, then we would obey. However, our lack (limited) of knowledge of God's plans leads to the necessity for faith. And it is [faith](#) which [gives us freedom from worry](#). Think about it.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for the fact that I do not fully understand your ways. Yes, Lord, this is to be expected that a finite creature will not fully grasp an infinite and eternal God. Therefore, Lord, please help me to live the Christian life to the fullest, even when I do not understand your mysterious ways. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.



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