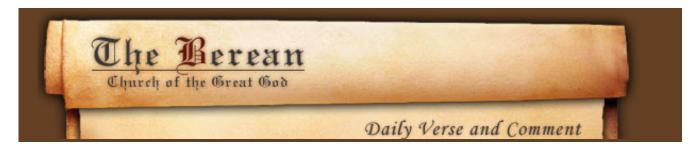
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Matthew 8:26

(26) And He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O *you* of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:39

(39) And after being awakened, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still." And the wind died, and there was a great calm.

Luke 8:24

(24) Then they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water; and they ceased, and there was a calm.

A Faithful Version

As the Son of <u>God</u> and with only the power of His word, Christ speaks, and the wind ceases. After the fierce storm relents, a great calm descends. This miracle over the environment contrasts the disharmony, disorder, and confusion of nature against the power, order, and peace of the Creator (Psalm 89:9).

Christ treats this storm and the sea as if they were antagonistic and rebelling forces under a dominating, unrestrained power, but His word is sufficient to calm them, just as it commands demons to leave those who are possessed. Conflicts and rebellions have their source in <u>Satan</u>, the author of confusion in both the physical and spiritual worlds. Physical evils in nature and among mankind are among Satan's works that <u>Jesus</u> came to overcome and destroy.

When Jesus speaks to calm the storm, Mark indicates that He addresses more than a meteorological force but a being behind it. When He commands the sea, "Peace, be still!" the Greek phrase means "be muzzled or gagged," as though the storm were a

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The waves of the world still rage against Christ's disciples, yet they will never be overwhelmed because Christ is in them (Psalm 46:1-3; 93:3-4).

- Martin G. Collins

To learn more, see:

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