

on the Gospel of St. John, *Tractate XII*, Section 7). In Section 5 of the same *Tractate* he says: "None sees the Spirit, and how do we hear the Spirit's voice? There sounds a psalm, it is the Spirit's voice; the gospel sounds, it is the Spirit's voice; the divine word sounds, it is the Spirit's voice."

In the article on "Spirit" in the Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, p.808, Dr Buswell wrote:

The same Hebrew and Greek words translated "spirit" can also mean "wind" or "breath." In at least one passage (John 3:8) the interpretation is doubtful, but 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 whether he goes. So everyone is born who is born from the Spirit." This brings out the sovereign grace of God in regeneration. In the context the word *pneuma* clearly designates the Holy Spirit, who is a non-material person.

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### **GOD'S WILL IN JOHN 6:65**

Your question involves the doctrine of God's Eternal Decree, which is excellently summarized in the first paragraph of chapter 3 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. It reads: "God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established."