



For five long months it is very hot and dry in the land of Jesus. These are the months of May, June, July, August, and September. The sun is very bright and hot. There is one thing that helps to make each day a little more comfortable. This is the breeze that comes each day from the sea.

The people who live along the coast feel this breeze first. It comes about nine o'clock in the morning and lasts until the sun goes down.

The farmers use this breeze to work for them. After they have cut their wheat and barley, they must separate the straw from the kernals of wheat and barley. This is called "threshing". Today there are machines to do this work. But in the time of Jesus, the wind was used to separate the straw from the wheat and barley. The farmers used a large fork. With the fork they picked up the cut grain and tossed it high in the air. The steady wind would blow the straw away because it was very light. The kernals of wheat and barley would fall to the ground. The farmer did this over and over, until soon the straw was all blown away and only the wheat and barley remained. This straw which blows away is often called chaff.

FIND OUT

In Psalm 1, God says that a good person is like a tree planted by the river. This tree is alive. It has green leaves and fruit. But what is an "ungodly" person like? An "ungodly" person is one who does not believe in or trust God. Read Psalm 1:4.