

Be Among The Wise Men

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” (Matthew 2:1-12)

Christ was born in the world that is full of darkness. He is the light and He came to bring the light to the world. Christ came to the world to save sinners, to save us from sin and death. He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives.

The Lord in His Word had promised the following: *“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)* Therefore what the Word of God here required that people, and me and you among them, ought to seek God, and they will be found of Him and meet Him as they persevere to do that.

The Magi or the wise men who came from the east they did the same. Possibly they have heard about the birth of Christ Jesus, the anointed one, from the prophet Daniel in the 6th century BC. Daniel that time was in Persia and possibly he had spoken there about the Messiah, and the ancestor of the Wise men brought the good news to them. Therefore the wise men set out from the east Persia, looking for the new king of the Jews, the Lord Jesus Christ, for they were seeking Him and nothing else.

At the beginning the Magi they follow the star, they were good in Astrology, the science that study the movement of the stars to count the time and know the direction, and they used that knowledge to bring them near to God. So knowledge should bring us near to God and not far away. At first they arrived to Jerusalem but Jesus was not there. The king of the kings, the Lord Jesus Christ was not in the capital Jerusalem. Meanwhile king Herod heard about the issue and was stirred possibly because the newborn king will take his place in kingship. So he called the high priests and the teachers of the law and they told

him that Christ should be born in Bethlehem. So he called for the Magi to find out from them the exact time the star had appeared. So the wise men they went to the palace and they met king Herod and pass through the high priests and the teachers of the law but they did not stay there because Jesus was not there. Instead they continued their journey and their searching for Jesus because Christ was the reason for them to move from their far land to Jerusalem to find Him. They are wise men because they did not allow anything hinder them from seeking the true God, because they set their hearts to seek Christ and to be found of Him. God gave them the wisdom how to deal with Herod and the high priest who did not want to receive Christ, and God gave them the means to find Jesus. The same should be for you, you should not be satisfied in reaching big cities or capitals, or meeting big and famous people, and you should not be satisfied in meeting people who are religious but you should continue the journey till you yourself reach Christ and meet Him face to face.

The wise men left Jerusalem and followed the star moving toward Bethlehem until it stopped over the place where the child was. *“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)* The wise men they worshipped Jesus; they neither worshipped His mother Mary nor Joseph. As wise men God required from you to worship God the Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, not to worship Mary His mother and not to worship any saint. So to be among the wise men you need to understand that you should worship the Creator only. If you worship other than Him then you are worshipping idols.

The wise men, then *“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)* To be among the wise men is to be generous toward the Lord and to present Him the best of what you have from treasures. Don’t give to God the left over but the best of what you have in form of tithes, firstfruits and offerings.

My Dear and Beloved: The Magi as had been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; they returned to their country by another route, they took note of warning. They treasured Christ and worked with God to protect His work. The same should be for you. You must treasure Christ, to be wise, to take notice of warning and protect the work of God. You need to be among the wise men to seek Christ and His Word diligently. God calls you to be active in your service to Christ and in doing His work, and to be a responsible person to protect His church and His people as you agree to pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to seek Christ and His Word. Lord free me from whatever bondages and help me to focus on You and Your Word and not to be side tract and channeled into a wrong direction. Help me to focus on you and to serve you diligently and to present you with the best of what you have given to me and to do my part to build and protect your work and Your church. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.