

THE 3 WISE GIFTS

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Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Matt. 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matt. 2:3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt. 2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

Matt. 2:5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

Matt. 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matt. 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

Matt. 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Matt. 2:9 ¶ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it

came and stood over where the young child was.

Matt. 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Matt. 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matt. 2:12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Important notes of this story:

- There were 3 gifts not 3 wise men.
- They were not in the manger, but in the house.
- Jesus was a young child not an infant.
- There names were not given.



Gifts are not always monetary, but should be from the heart. The gifts that the Magi gave were expensive gifts and they all had meaning.

- **Gold** honored Jesus as a king,
- **Frankincense** honored Jesus as God,
- **Myrrh** was a sign that Jesus was a man

Gold - King

- *Rev. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.* Obedience to him as your ruler and lawmaker.
- His laws and statutes should be followed. To be Lord of your life requires that you surrender your will to his. You cannot be a godking or King of your own life.
- *Matt. 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* The bible is stating that any other god, including our own flesh, removes Christ as our Lord and King. He must have all or nothing.

Frankincense - God

- *Heb. 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*
- Offer him praise and sacrifice unto him. Our praise is just like frankincense or an incense that goes up to God as a sweet smelling savor.
- We no longer have to sacrifice animals to get the smoke, but the praise of our lips send the same pleasure up to God. God actually inhabits our praise so, praising God creates an atmosphere of pleasure that he dwells in.

Myrrh - Man

- *Heb. 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*
- He paid for our lives with his human life, to save our souls. His salvation is as myrrh and preserves us and keeps us till he returns.
- When a person died back in the day, Myrrh was used to embalm the person and preserve them so they would not decay. This is how Christ's love works for us. We are alive because he is inside of us and we have eternal life to preserve us for ever. *1Cor. 15:22*

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- Myrrh also was used for medicinal purposes and we know the power of Christ heals the sick and raises the dead. This gift was symbolic of what Christ did for us all naturally and spiritually. *Is. 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

Summary

Christ is worthy of our praise, our glory, and our honor. Because he came and was born to teach us, heal us, preserve us, and now rule over us, we should give him ourselves, fully committed to doing his will. If he is Lord of our lives, we should present him with gifts befitting of him. This would be our bodies because all we really have to give him is what he has asked us for. Though we may give monetary gifts to each other on this holiday, we should do as the Magi did and give him 3 wise gifts. Our entire being: body, soul, and spirit!

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1Th. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless

unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

