

“The Wisdom of The “Wise Men”

Matthew 2:1-12

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A. Their pursuit was to seek Him (Jesus) – v. 1

1. These men were not kings
2. They were Magi, magicians or astrologers
3. Wise men possibly Zoroastrian from Persia
4. They had knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures
5. Could be traced back to the time of Daniel (Daniel 5:11)
6. They came seeking The Life-Giver King – Jesus

B. Their purpose was to worship Him (Jesus) – v. 2

1. They went throughout the city asking everyone they met
2. The present participle indicates that of a continuous action (saying)
3. They asked, “Where is He who has been born”
4. They knew of the birth because of what had been written by the prophet Micah
5. They saw the star in the east – (the star guided them to Jerusalem)
6. They came to worship The Life-Giver King – Jesus

C. Their praise was to Him (Jesus) v. 11

1. Notice where they are – in the house – these “wise men” were not there at His birth
2. Notice who the “wise men” saw when they entered the house – they saw the Child with Mary His mother
3. Notice the response of the “wise men” when they saw the Child – they fell to the ground and worshiped Him –
4. Notice that the “wise men” did not worship Mary His mother
5. Notice that they gave their praise to The Life-Giver King – Jesus

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D. Their presentations were to Him (Jesus) – v. 11

1. They opened their treasures
2. They presented to Him gifts suitable for a king
 - Gold – symbolizing the deity of Christ
 - Frankincense – was a fragrance symbolizing the purity of Christ
 - Myrrh – ointment of death symbolizing the death of Christ
3. They did not exchange gifts among themselves
4. They presented their gifts to The Life-Giver King – Jesus

E. Their plans were changed because of Him (Jesus) v. 12

1. Being warned by God in a dream (divine guidance)
2. Not to return to Herod (Herod wanted to kill the Child)
3. The “wise men” left for their own country by another way

How can we today be like the “wise men?” –

Follow His plan –

Fulfill His purpose –

Function in His power -