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Shepherds, Wise Guys and a King

Wise Men Still Seek Him

Matthew 2:1-12

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5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.
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8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
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11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (ESV)
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1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
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I. He will **guide** us in our **worship**.
A. As we seek to worship Him **publicly**.

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• 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
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I. He will **guide** us in our **worship**.
B. As we seek to worship Him **personally**.

2 ...*For we saw...*
I. He will **guide** us in our **worship**.

C. As we seek to worship Him **passionately**.

2 ... *His Star when it rose and have come to worship Him.*

- **Genesis 1:14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,**
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• Psalm 147:4 “He counts the number of the stars; *He gives names to all of them.*” For a star to be named by God then it would have to have meaning attached to it...
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- **Isaiah 40:26** Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, **calling them all by name**, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
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I. He will **guide** us in our **worship**.

C. As we seek to worship Him **passionately**.

- *Psalm 19:1-5* The heavens **declare** the glory of God, and the sky above **proclaims** his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out **speech**, and night to night reveals **knowledge**. 3 There is no **speech**, nor are there **words**, whose **voice** is not **heard**. 4 Their **voice** goes out through all the earth, and their **words** to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
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I. He will guide us in our worship.

C. As we seek to worship Him passionately.

• Romans 10:18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”
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- *Romans 10:18* But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

- *Genesis 3:15* I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
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I. He will **guide** us in our **worship**.

D. As we seek to worship Him in **spirit** and **truth**.

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II. He will **bring** us into His **presence**.
   A. With clear **direction**.

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- **Psalms 37:23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord**, when he delights in his way;
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II. He will **bring** us into His **presence**.

B. With great **joy**.

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II. He will bring us into His presence.

C. With our hearts’ desires met.

11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother,

- Psalm 37:3-4 Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
III. He will **direct** us in our **adoration**.  
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- He is the **King** of **Kings**.
- He is our great **High Priest**.
- He is the **Long-Expected** Prophet.
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He will guide us in our worship as we seek to worship Him publicly, personally, passionately, and in spirit and truth. He will bring us into His presence with clear direction, with great joy, and with our heart’s desires met. He will direct us in our adoration in that He is The King of Kings, our great High Priest, and the long expected Prophet.
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