

“True Worship”

Text: Matthew 2:1-11

Intro:

⇒ Notice with me in **v. 2** the reason or the purpose that the wise men traveled such a long distance.

o “...are come to worship him.”

⇒ The “**worship**” is defined as “**To adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration.**”

⇒ We can learn from the wise men what true worship really is.

⇒ **I. TRUE WORSHIP – THE WISE MEN**

⇒ Notice with me in v. 10, the wise men’s state of mind prior to worship.

o “When they saw the star, they **rejoiced** with **exceeding great joy**.”

o That is attitude of the heart one should have when they have an opportunity to worship the Lord.

⇒ Notice the sequence of events in **v. 11**, when the wise men found the object of their worship

o “**fell down**” – position of humility

o “**worshipped him**” – notice says “him” (Jesus) not “Mary”

o “**opened their treasurers**” – notice they did not hold anything back.

▪ **Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”**

▪ Treasurer is connected with the heart.

▪ Opening up your treasurer is opening up your heart to God.

▪ If you open up your heart to God, notice what follows.

- o **“presented unto him gifts;”** – notice they gave to Jesus, Jesus did not give to them.
 - That is the problem with most Christians, they have never opened their hearts to God.
 - Therefore, they have never give to God like they should.
 - I believe giving is connected with true worship.
- ⇒ I believe that is what true worship is all about.
 - o Coming to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ excited and full of joy to be able to worship Him.
 - o Coming to Him humbly, opening up your to heart totally to Him, not holding anything back but giving totally of yourself to Him.
 - o Yes, that includes giving of your material possessions.
- ⇒ True worship is without any conditions.
 - o It is truly giving to God and Him not giving to you.
 - o Without expecting any benefit or return from it.
- ⇒ The wise men worshipped Jesus, the young child.
 - o They did not see any miracles except the results of the virgin birth, which is a miracle in itself.
 - o They worshipped the God manifested in the flesh as young a child
 - They did not worship him in His glorified resurrected state.
 - They worshipped Him as the King because of what the scriptures had to say.
 - They followed the Star because of what the scriptures said.
 - They did not see any apparition.
 - They just simply believed the scriptures and trusted them.

- That's what Christians need to do is just believe the scriptures and not be continually looking for a sign and wonder.

⇒ **II. WORSHIP WITH A CONDITION ATTACHED**

- o I want us to look at other places where the Lord was worshipped.
 - o However, there were either conditions attached to it or it was a result of a miracle performed by our Lord.
- ⇒ **Matthew 8:2, Leper** – “And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”
- o The condition of worship- miracle of healing.
- ⇒ **Matthew 9:18, Ruler** – “While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.”
- o The condition of worship – Raising daughter from the dead.
- ⇒ **Matthew 14:33, The Apostles** – “Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”
- o The condition of worship – The calming of the sea and wind.
- ⇒ **Matthew 15:25, The woman of Canaan** – “Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.”
- o The condition of worship – The healing of daughter
- ⇒ **Mark 5:6-7, The Manic of Gadarenes** – “But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.”
- o The condition of worship – Not to be tormented.

- ⇒ **Matthew 28:9, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary** – “And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.**”
 - o The condition of worship – Jesus in resurrected state.
- ⇒ **Luke 24:51-52, the eleven Apostles** – “And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”
 - o The condition of worship – Christ’s ascension into the third heaven.
- ⇒ **Revelation 5:11-14, the Twenty Four Elders** – Read.
 - o The condition of worship – Christ sitting on the throne in third heaven during tribulation.

- ⇒ **III. CONCLUSION:**
 - o My friend you need to stop putting conditions on your worship to God.
 - o When is the last time that you worshipped the Lord without putting conditions on your worship.
 - o When is the last time that you came like the wise men –
 - Humbled yourself before God,
 - Fell down and open your treasurers
 - And presented Him gifts.
 - o You need to stop coming to God and always taking.
 - Why don’t you come and give for once.
 - That is what true worship is all about.

- Purely giving to God!!!
- o You need stop telling God I will worship –
 - If you will heal me.
 - If you will bless me financially.
 - If you will save my love you
 - If you will heal my love.
- o My friend if you have never had won't you come today to this old fashion altar.
 - Open up your heart to God and truly worship Him!!!