

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Matthew 2

Children's Sermon

Singing: 268:1-4 – 123:1 – 87:1-3 – 200:1, 4 – 266:1-3

WHO ARE WISE MEN?

I. They seek Jesus II. They bow before Jesus III. They worship Jesus

I. Wise men are they that seek Jesus

A. The wise men were devoted seekers (Matt. 2:1-2)

1. What do we know about them?

- a. they were wise men
- b. they came from east
- c. they came to worship the born King of the Jews
- d. they were rich
- e. they took a wrong turn

B. Are we like wise men seeking for Jesus?

II. Wise men are they that bow before Jesus

A. We are not true seekers of God until God seeks us

1. We are born *seeking our own benefit*

2. We become seekers upon God seeking us first

- a. we don't all become seekers in the same way
- b. yet all seekers will end at the same place despite making wrong turns

B. Like the wise men, we may need to detour to find Jesus

1. In Jerusalem they found a palace, a king but not the King

2. In Jerusalem they found Bible scholars who didn't seek what they knew

C. Finally God guided them to meet Jesus in a house in Bethlehem (9-10)

D. Is their picture of bowing before Jesus your picture?

III. Wise men are they that worship Jesus

A. To worship is to *devote yourself or show your devotion to what is worthy*

1. We all worship but not all worship Jesus like the wise men

B. Is the picture of wise men worshipping Jesus yours?

1. To worship Him is to *submit to Him as your King or Lord*

2. To worship Him is to *trust Him as your high Priest – Savior*

3. To worship Him is to rejoice in Him as God's Gift of salvation

4. To worship is to express your admiration and adoration

Wise men

Wise men seeking Jesus, travelled from afar.
Guided on their journey, by a beautiful star.
But if we desire Him, He is close at hand.
For our native country is like the holy land.

Prayerful souls may find Him, by our quiet lakes.
Meet Him on our hillsides, when the morning breaks.
In our fertile cornfields while the sheaves are bound.
In our busy markets Jesus may be found.

Every peaceful village in our land might be,
made by Jesus' presence like sweet Bethany.
He is more than near us if we love Him well,
for He seeketh ever in our hearts to dwell.

James T. East (1860-1937)