

## A PICTURE OF TRUE SEEKERS

### Matthew 2:1-12

#### I. They \_\_\_\_\_ Him

Irony of who ignored Him and who sought Him:

Religious leaders in Jerusalem v. Magi from Babylon

Contrast how familiar the Gospel is to you, and how foreign it was to them.

*Too* familiar to you?

Their knowledge of Daniel (eg ch 7:13-14, 18, 27)

So they travel 8 days to Judea in search of Him

Contrast their seeking with Herod's and the religious leaders

Again they see the "Star" and are overjoyed (v9-10) because it will lead them to Jesus

Do you take advantage of every opportunity and means to find and know Jesus? They who **seek** will find Him.

They persist until they find the house. Nothing can discourage them until they see Jesus!

#### II. They \_\_\_\_\_ Him

##### A. They \_\_\_\_\_ Him

The reward of all their labors is simply to gaze upon Him and imagine what He will become.

What do you come here to see this Christmas Day? The music? Your friends? Or Jesus above all?

To see with the eyes of faith Him Who is your only Hope and the Hope of the world? To feel your need of Him?

B. They **BOWED &** \_\_\_\_\_ **Him**

First fruits of the Nations pictured in Daniel 7

What this little child will become!

C. They \_\_\_\_\_ **Him** \_\_\_\_\_

No one compelled them or even told them to do this

Not: the love of Christ *ought* to compel you,

But: the love of Christ *does* compel you (II Cor 5:14f)

If you love Jesus this morning, you *will* find a way to express it that the world will look on as silly sacrifice, but that you know is the desire of a heart fixed on Him who is your only hope—and the Hope of the World.