

## WISE MEN SEE THE SAVIOR

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## I. THE SEEKERS

## 1. WISE MEN

HERE, IN THE MANGER OF BETHLEHEM, WE SEE THE TRUE RELATION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

THESE WERE MEN OF RANK, WEALTH, AND LEARNING FROM THE EAST; THEY WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BEST IN THE OLD CIVILIZATION OF THE WORLD.— THE SCIENTISTS OF THEIR TIME.

"LET KNOWLEDGE GROW FROM MORE TO MORE,  
BUT MORE OF REVERENCE IN US DWELL;

THAT MIND AND SOUL, ACCORDING WELL,  
MAY MAKE ONE MUSIC AS BEFORE."

## 2. THESE MEN WERE FROM THE EAST — GENTILES, NOT JEWS.

THE EASTERN KINGDOMS WERE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL IN THE O.T.

GENTILE SCIENTISTS LAY THEIR TROPHIES OF WISDOM AT JESUS' FEET.

## 3. NOTICE THEIR DILIGENT ENQUIRY, "WHERE IS HE?"

A. IGNORANCE ADMITTED

B. FAITH AVOWED

C. INFORMATION SOUGHT

## 5. NOTICE THEIR WORTHY MOTIVE, V.2.

THEY CAME TO WORSHIP HIM.

Diligence:

## II. THE SEARCH.

## 1. EARNEST

## 2. SACRIFICIAL; THEY GAVE UP FRIENDS AND HOME

3. WEARISOME JOURNEY,

4. UNSATISFIED WITH OTHER THINGS.

## 5. PERSEVERING; OVERCOMING MANY DISCOURAGEMENTS

## III. THE SIGN.

## 1. HIS STAR

## 2. GOD ALWAYS HAS SOME MEANS TO GUIDE EARNEST ENQUIRERS

## 3. THIS WAS A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEM

## 4. THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHO LOOKED UPON THE SAME STAR, AND SAW NO MEANING IN IT.

## 5. THERE WERE DOUBTLESS VARIOUS GUESSES ABOUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

## 6. THIS REVELATION ALSO BROUGHT GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

A. THEY FOUND SUCCESS NOT WHERE THEY EXPECTED IT;

NOT IN THE CAPITAL, BUT IN AN OBSCURE VILLAGE;

NOT EVEN IN THE BEST INN IN BETHLEHEM, BUT IN A MANGER.

B. THEY WERE NO DOUBT SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE KING OF THE JEWS

WAS UNEXPECTED AND UNWELCOME IN THE JEWISH CAPITAL.

HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT.

WHILE THE EAST WELCOMED HIM, AND EGYPT SHELTERED HIM,

JERUSALEM REJECTED HIM.

THERE IS INDIFFERENCE WHERE WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED EAGERNESS  
AND TROUBLE WHERE WE SHOULD HAVE LOOKED FOR JOY.

UNTHOUGHT OF BY HIS OWN, TIL STRANGERS SOUGHT HIM;

A SOURCE OF TROUBLE TO THEM WHEN THEY HEARD OF HIM:

HIS LIFE THREATENED BY THE OCCUPANT OF DAVID'S THRONE,

HE IS SAVED ONLY BY EXILE TO EGYPT, AND, ON RETURNING TO HIS

PEOPLE, PASSES OUT OF NOTICE FOR 30 YEARS.

