

## A WISE WORSHIP EXAMPLE

### Matthew 2:1-12

**Introduction:** "Worship at 8:30 and at 11:00 a.m." "Come, join us for worship." The word, "worship" is a word commonly heard among Christians but the meaning of the word varies and probably some don't even have a definition for the word. In the New Testament the word is used over 60 times, yet nothing is said about an order of service or how many hymns to be sung or what kind of sermon is to be preached.

"Worship" is the act of paying tribute to someone or something. A most memorable example of true, wise worship took place outside a temple or a house of worship of any kind.

Three men set a wise worship example.

### I. THEY CAME DESIRING GENUINE WORSHIP

1. These three Magi understood the greatness of the occasion. They had traveled hundreds of miles to be there and to worship.
2. These Magi, like all other men, had a need to worship and being wise men, they wanted genuine worship. However, they bowed before a BABY BOY.
3. We, too, have a need to worship. Every human has that built in need.
  - We will worship something - a boat, a car, a house, a family, a friend, a hobby, something.
4. For the Christian, acknowledging Jesus as Lord and Savior establishes WHO and WHAT is to be worshiped. There is no one else or anything else.

### II. THEY CAME PREPARED TO WORSHIP

1. They came with gifts and an expectation.
2. They came prepared with all the knowledge they could gain. They had studied the stars, the charts, consulted with everyone they could and became increasingly excited as they came closer and closer.
3. Preparation is necessary in any endeavor.
  - Painting required preparation.
  - Worship requires preparation.
4. How Do You Prepare For Worship?
  - Spending time in prayer the night before.
  - Reading God's Word.
5. Be expecting, be prepared for God to say something to you and you won't be disappointed.

### **III. THEY CAME WITH SINGLENES OF PURPOSE**

1. The Magi were on no vacation passing through Jerusalem and suddenly decided to drop in on Joseph and Mary to see their new baby boy.  
- NO! They were following their desire to worship. "*...we have come to worship HIM...*" they said.
2. They had ONE purpose, not to be entertained, not to swap stories or to see friends.  
- They had ONE purpose and that was to MEET GOD and doing so it changed their likes.
3. Here is a wise example of worship. Let us never be guilty anymore for going to a "worship" service for any other purpose than to bring something to the Lord and to bow before Him.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Worship, wise worship is all about one's attitude and purpose.
2. These three Magi showed that they knew why they were there and it was but for one reason and that was to WORSHIP (the true definition) the Lord God.
3. They worshiped the Lord Jesus when He was a baby. We worship Him as King, Lord, Savior, Redeemer, who is preparing a place for us even now and will come for us in God's time.