

## HIS STAR

**TEXT:**        ***Matthew 2:2: Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His Star in the east, and are come to worship Him.***

The Christmas message is not an opiate to lull us into a temporary forgetfulness of evil; but to point us anew to the Saviour.

It was the night when Jesus was born, as it is before He comes into our darkened hearts. On this eventful night, it looks as if God had washed the heavens with purity and holiness.

A star detached itself from the constellations and — guided by the Unseen Hand — stood in the heavens, mysteriously brilliant over the little town called Bethlehem. No other person has ever been ushered into this world as this Baby was.



Truly wise men with an insatiable heart longing and hungering for Christ found HIS STAR. You cannot find Christ with your head. The heart that wants to meet Him for only one purpose – to worship Him - will find Him, the Altogether Lovely One.

***Numbers 24:17: I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.***

These eastern philosophers, men of renown, masters of Astronomy called in the Scriptures, Wise Men, launched out on the uncharted sea of life. They looked for Divine Guidance and for God, and they called the star, His Star, as the navigation compass to lead them to Jesus. Oh, how amazing is this expression of the wise men:

***“We have seen HIS STAR in the east, and are come to worship HIM.”  
(Matthew 2:2)***

With an infinite, unquenchable thirst for the reality of truest and most profound knowledge, these men traveled miles, guided by His Star.

**We, too, will find guidance by looking up. We are too earthbound and have missed the glories of the sublime.**

His Star declares the divinity and eternity of Christ, the Son of God. Undoubtedly, these wise men met many inquirers of their trip asking them the purpose of their journey. After relating that they were being guided by HIS STAR and were going to worship a Babe, it certainly must have brought laughing and ridicule and scoffing.



To the unsaved, unregenerate heart, this sounds like awkward fiction and childishness.

So does all the Word of God appear as defective of culture and literary art and rank to them. Paul warns against vain philosophy after men, and not after Christ. In **Colossians**, he warns converts as follows:

***Colossians 2:8: Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.***

Beware of profane and old wives' tales, religious systems of wild guesses and fancies spun in the intellects of corrupted, wicked hearts.

The greatest minds and the noblest intellects have known Christ as Lord and Master. Man knows nothing of nature, heaven, earth, insects or animal instincts except what they teach him. When men bow to their teachers instead of exalting themselves thru the intoxicating influence of a little learning, they always are led to know the Architect and the Author of the Universe, Who IS Christ.



***Colossians 11:16-17:***

***<sup>16</sup> For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by***

**Him, and for Him:**

***17 And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.***

***Psalms 19:1: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.***

***Romans 1:20: For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:***

HIS STAR led the wise men to the humble place where Jesus was. They inquired,

***Matthew 2:2: Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His Star in the east, and are come to worship Him.***

Jesus is the King of God's making, and this kingship so filled the atmosphere that the king of the land, Herod, was filled with fear, and all Jerusalem with him.

Jesus is King! His Kingship started in humility, as a Babe in a manger, in a stable.



***Philippians 2:8-10a:***

***8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.***

***9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name:***

***10 That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;***

The strange mystery of divine revelation - - - wise men following HIS STAR, and on the way to Jesus, men of satan's kingdom will try to intercept them.

When you come seeking Jesus, the devil will meet you face to face.

The natural, earthly Herod represents the power of darkness whose real name is satan who hates the Lord Jesus Christ. Herod, with cunning wiles had designs on destroying Jesus. His intentions had not penetrated the wise men's hearts for they had but one objective – and that was a loving search for Jesus.

Herod suspected the Jewish priests and rabbis of plotting with strangers to dethrone him. He called the priests and scribes and questioned them as to the teachings of the Sacred Books regarding the place of the Messiah's birth. Even Herod was stunned by the indifference with which the priests turned to the scrolls of prophecy. Enraged with jealousy, he demands of them where Christ is to be born. They told him "in Bethlehem of Judah", as found in the prophecy of:



***Micah 5:2: But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.***

The tempest of wrath and fear raged in his heart, but slyly he preserved a calm exterior and bade the wise men search diligently for the young child and bring him word so he could go, also, and

worship Him!

This is the shocking revelation of the Scripture. If you will not come to Jesus with a repentant heart, and worship and serve Him, He is hidden to you. You cannot find Him unless your own motives are right.

Herod knew he could not find Jesus, but he instinctively felt that the kind heart of these men would drive them to ceaseless searching until they found Him, which they did.

**Herod is a type of the devil. He lied to the wise men as the devil is so expert in doing to you who seek Christ and salvation for your sins.**



This is a strange mystery of divine revelation – wise men bowing, worshipping a babe, a child. What a shocking conundrum to the mind with the world's wishes – which is blank to the knowledge of Christ. Out of doubt and skepticism into wonder and worship of the Christ whose Star led them faithfully and unflinchingly.

Most of us have looked some time or another at the night sky. We have seen what looks like

millions of stars. Those who have a little more time and interest have studied the stars and have noticed, for instance, the Big Dipper.

Astronomers have given names to many of the stars to identify them. Our Bible gives the names of a few.

***Job 9:9: Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.***

***Job 38:31: Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?***

The Bible tells us about astronomers who were stargazing and found one star more brilliant and glorious than all the others. Earlier, a prophet of their nation had prophesied about such a Star appearing.

This Star caught their apt attention, and like a compass led them on a course that brought them right to the King of the Universe.

It was the night before Christmas. The shepherds were close at hand. The wise men were afar off. They both came - - all needed to come closer to Jesus. It is on this memorable night that once again the Heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament is showing His handiwork.



A new light has sprung up in the world and is leading man to Jesus. "HIS STAR" is what the wise men called it. That Star belonged to Jesus:

***John 1:3: All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.***

People are called stars in the Bible as in Joseph's dream of the eleven stars bowing to the one star – Joseph. So, we must belong to the Lord.

Have you found Him yet? He is still shining above and beyond all others who have ever come into this world.

Do you see glory in Christ? Are you rejoicing in Him and in His salvation?

***Luke 2:11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.***

Is He now your Saviour? Then, this lesser star — speaking of myself — will be most satisfied that all my efforts to lead you to Jesus were not in vain. This is what God has called me to do.

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