

# The Wisdom of the Wise Men

**Matthew NKJV 2: 2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, <sup>1</sup>wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

<sup>5</sup> So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod, when he had secretly called the <sup>1</sup>wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

<sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## 1. Awareness

**James NKJV 1: 22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**James NKJV 1: 12** Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

## 2. Hunger

**Matthew NKJV 5:** <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled

**Matthew NKJV 18.** <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am  
there in the midst of them.”

### 3. Humility

**Matthew NKJV 6:** “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to  
be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in  
heaven. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you  
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory  
from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

**2 Corinthians NKJV 9:** <sup>6</sup> But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and he who sows <sup>ab</sup> bountifully will also reap <sup>ab</sup> bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he  
purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of <sup>un</sup> necessity; for God loves a cheerful  
giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having  
all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.