

John 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

1 John 4:14 “We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Matthew 2:1-12 “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WISEMEN'S WORSHIP

1. Their Worship Was Intentional
2. Their Worship Was Volitional
3. Their Worship Was Personal
4. Their Worship Was Confrontational
5. Their Worship Was Effectual
6. Their Worship Was Relational

1. Their Worship Was Intentional
2. Their Worship Was Volitional

John 4:23-24 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

3. Their Worship Was Personal

Matthew 2:

Verse 2 – **THEY** came from a great distance.

Verse 2 – **THEY** came by faith .

Verse 10 – **THEY** rejoiced when they found Him.

Verse 11 – **THEY** humbled themselves before Him.

Verse 11 – **THEY** willingly lavished their gifts upon Him.

Hebrews 13:15 “Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”

4. Their Worship Was Confrontational

5. Their Worship Was Effectual

Numbers 24:17 “I see him but not now, I behold him but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel, and shall crush through the forehead of Moab and tear down all the sons of Sheth.”

6. Their Worship Was Relational



WHAT DOES TRUE WORSHIP COST?

I. It Cost Them Their *Time*

“A neglect of secret prayer has been frequently an inlet to many spiritual diseases, and has been attended with fatal consequences.” — *Whitfield*

II. It Cost Them Their *Treasure*

Luke 6:38 “Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 “Now this I say, he who sow sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.”

III. It Cost Them Their *Testimony*

