





1 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,
2 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.”
3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4 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.
5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:
6 ‘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.’”
7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.
8 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.”
9 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.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
11 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.

Matthew 2:1-11 NKJV



**You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Psalms 16:11 NIV



**You make the path of life known to me.
Complete joy is in your presence.
Pleasures are by your side forever.
Psalms 16:11 GW**



**You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalms 16:11 KJV**



#1 SEARCH CAREFULLY.

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6 GW



#2 STAY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

- 1 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.**
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.**
- 3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.**
- 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.**
- 5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.**
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!**
- 7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!**

Psalms 139:1-7 NLT



11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

Genesis 28:11-16 NIV



**#3 OPEN YOUR PERSONAL TREASURES
AND OFFER THEM TO JESUS**



**JOY compels you to initiate
and search for him daily.**

**JOY compels you to desire His presence, His
voice, His word in every area of your life.**

**JOY compels you to give,
share the Love of Jesus**

**O Lord, your word is established in heaven forever.
Your faithfulness endures throughout every generation.
You set the earth in place, and it continues to stand.
All things continue to stand today because of your regulations,
Since they are all your servants.**

**If your teachings had not made me happy, then I would have died in my misery.
I will never forget your guiding principles because you gave me a new life through
them.**

I am yours

**Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
I took an oath and I will keep it. I took an oath to follow your
regulations, which are based on your righteousness.**

**I have suffered so much. Give me a new life, O Lord, as you promised.
Please accept the praise I gladly give you, O Lord, and teach
me your regulations.**

**Your written instructions are mine forever. they are the JOY of my heart.
I have decided to obey your laws.
They offer a reward that never ends!**

Amen

Psalms 119 : 89-94/105-112