

Blessings in the House

The Gifts We Give

A weekly devotional message for the family

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The wise men traveled a great distance to bring gifts to the newborn child called Jesus. As we see and understand the gifts, we see and understand who the newborn child is. The wise men knew who this child is; therefore they brought these special gifts.

The newborn baby is the Christ, the Lord God our savior. Christ brings to us the gifts of grace and glory, (*Psalm 84: 11*) “*For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*” Through his grace, we receive the gift of salvation and eternal life, (*Titus 3:7*) “*That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*”

We are thankful of the gifts that our Lord brings to us. Let us look into the gifts of the wise men, to know the gifts that we are to bring to Him. As we understand the gifts, we understand who Jesus is, and what we should give to Him.

The Gifts the Wise Men Gave to Jesus

(*Matthew 2: 10-11*) “*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (11) And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*”

Gold- Paying tribute to a king, the King of kings. Here we see the royalty of Jesus.

(*Revelation 19: 16*) “*And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*”

Frankincense- They honored Jesus with their worship. Here we see the deity of Jesus. Incense is a symbol of prayers. (*Psalm 141: 2*) “*Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*” When priests were burning the incense in the temple, the people were always praying outside.

They honored Jesus with their frankincense and worship because He is Emmanuel- God with us.

Myrrh- To represent the suffering Christ. Here we see the humanity of the Christ. Myrrh was used in embalming dead body.

The wise men understood from the holy scriptures that the Christ is The Mighty God manifested in the flesh, (*Isaiah 9: 6*) “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*” He is the Almighty- the Creator.

They understood from the scriptures that the Christ would suffer and die. (*Isaiah 53: 8*) “*He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*” They understood and proclaimed these truths by their gifts and their worship.

The Gifts We Give to Jesus

As we understand who Jesus is, let’s offer these special gifts.

Gold- Represents purity. We offer unto Jesus a pure heart.

(*Matthew 5: 8*) “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*”

(*1 Timothy 1: 5*) “*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:*”

We purify our hearts by being obedient to the Word, (*1 Peter 1: 22*) “*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.*”

Frankincense- Because we know who Jesus is, we offer unto Him our prayers and worship.

(*Psalms 141: 2*) “*Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*”

Myrrh- He suffered to give us the gift of everlasting life. Therefore, let us give to Him the gift of thanksgiving, (*Jonah 2: 9*) “*But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.*”