

"The Wisdom Of Christmas!"

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In order to be a wise person and experience the true wisdom of Christmas there are truths things that I should realize.

I. A wise person cherishes the Prince of life.

Matt 2:1-2 *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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*

A. Jesus was a Man.

Matt 2:2 *saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?"*

B. Jesus was a Monarch.

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C. Jesus was the Messiah.

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The Old Testament prophesized His first coming.

1. He would be born of a virgin.

Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, ...*

2. He would come from the tribe of Judah.

Gen 49:10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.*

3. He would come from the house of David.

Jer 23:5-6 *"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

4. He would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."*

II. A wise person conquers the perils of life.

Matt 2:1 *..., wise men from the East ...,*

A. Life can be a difficult journey.

1. I have to face everyday problems.

2. I have to face evil people.

Matt 2:3-8 *When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: '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.' " Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."*

B. Life can be a dangerous jeopardy.

Matt 2:12 *Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.*

C. Life can be a delightful joy.

1. I should be taught by the Bible.

Matt 2:1 *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,*

Dan 9:24 *"Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.*

2. I should be led by the Spirit.

Matt 2:9 *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.*

These men were led by a star, but the question I should ask is, "Who led the star?"

III. A wise person commits to the purpose of life.

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A. My gifts should be significant.

Matt 2:11 *And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

B. My gifts should be sacrificial.

1. I should give Him the gold of my dedication.
2. I should give Him the frankincense of my devotion.
3. I should give Him the myrrh of my declaration.

While I am not told to remember the birth of Jesus, I am told to remember the death of Jesus.

During this Holiday Season I should ask the good Lord to give me the wisdom of the wise men.