**LET US WORSHIP THE LORD**

**Matthew 2:8-11**

**[8](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-8/%22%20%5Co%20%22Matthew%202%3A8%20KJV%20verse%20detail) And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-9/) **When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.**

[**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-10/) **When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.** [**11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-11/) **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.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*We are to worship the Lord. To do that, we must get in the presence of the Lord whether it’s at the church house or somewhere else.**

**\*\*We need worship that includes Excessive Adoration and Excessive Admiration!**

**1. Notice the Idea of Worship**

 **a. God Demands Our Worship**

 **b. God Deserves Our Worship**

 **c. God Desires Our Worship**

**2. Notice the Individuals of Worship**

 **a. Individual Hearts must be Focused on God**

 **b. Individual Hearts must be Full of God**

**3. Notice the Importance of Worship**

 **a. Worship must have Purity**

 **b. Worship must have Praise**

 **c. Worship must have Purpose**

**\*\*If we learn what worship is about, then it will help us to worship! So let’s look at what it is all about.**

**I. WORSHIP IS ABOUT GOING**

**Two Illustrations:**

**1. Genesis 22:5 . . . I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**

**Abraham had to go to a certain place to worship! We must go to a certain place to worship. It must be where God directs us to go, and it must be a holy place and a prepared place to worship.**

**2. Psalms 7:5 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.**

**David had to go to the Lord’s house to worship, and he worshipped toward (while going) the holy temple! To be ready for worship when we get here, we need to start worshipping on our way to the church house! How soon should you start? As soon as you can!**

**\*\*Some worshipped in the Tent, some in the Tabernacle, and some in the Temple! The point is that we go somewhere and worship!**

 **A. It Takes Desire to Go and Worship God**

 **1. Desire is Within the Heart!**

 **2. Desire is Without the Hesitation!**

 **a. That means we have No Excuses! (no arguments)**

 **b. That means we have No Evasions! (no avoiding)**

 **B. It Takes Diligence to Go and Worship God**

 **1. Your Attention is focused on your intent to go worship.**

 **2. Your Action is focused on you intent to go worship.**

 **C. It Takes Determination to Go and Worship God**

 **1. To go and worship takes your Decision.**

 **2. To go and worship takes your Dedication.**

**\*\*If we’re going to worship the Lord like the wise men did, then we must go with Desire, with Diligence, and with Determination to worship the Lord!**

**II. WORSHIP IS ABOUT GLADNESS**

**Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**

**Psalms 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.**

**\*\*If we look in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost, we’ll see how glad these new believers were to worship God!**

 **A. They were Seeking with Gladness**

**Acts 2:41a Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:**

 **1. They were seeking for God’s Word!**

 **2. They were seeking for God’s Will!**

**\*\*They found out that getting baptized after getting saved was God’s will for their lives! You can find God’s Will in God’s Word!**

 **B. They were Steadfast with Gladness**

**Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

**1. They were Steadfast in the Faith (the apostles’ doctrine)**

**2. They were Steadfast in Fellowship**

**3. They were Steadfast in Food (in breaking of the bread)**

**4. They were Steadfast in Functions (in prayers)**

 **C. They were Serving with Gladness**

**Acts 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.**

 **1. They served by selling their possessions and goods.**

 **2. They served by sorting their possessions and goods.**

**Illustration: One Pentecostal preacher told a Baptist preacher that they had a Day of Pentecost church service! The Baptist preacher looked at him and said, “So how many of your possessions and goods did you sell?”**

 **The Pentecostal preacher looked at him and said, “We didn’t sell anything. Why do you ask?”**

 **The Baptist preacher told him that on the Day of Pentecost they sold possessions and goods so if they had a real Day of Pentecost, then they must have had to sell something and give the proceeds to people who were in need.**

**\*\*When you serve the Lord with gladness, you will gladly do or give whatever the Lord says to give or to do!**

 **D. They were Staying with Gladness**

**Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,**

 **1. They Stayed in the Temple.**

 **2. They Stayed in the Trenches.**

 **3. They Stayed in the Troff.**

**\*\*Most people do not stay around long enough to stick! They don’t stay in their jobs. They don’t stay in their house. They don’t stay in the Church; therefore, they never stick. Don’t be that way!**

**\*\*To worship like the wise men we must be glad to be seeking, to be steadfast, to be serving, and to be staying.**

**III. WORSHIP IS ABOUT GLORIFICATION**

**Psalms 86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.**

 **A. Glorification Makes God Honored**

 **1. We honor Him by Recognizing Him through Worship**

 **2. We honor Him by Respecting Him through Worship**

**\*\*I came this way to honor the blessed and holy Lord God almighty and nothing else!**

**\*\*Too many people are following and honoring men and even preachers and pastors rather than following and honoring the Lord!**

 **B. Glorification Makes God Happy**

 **1. We can feel His Spirit when God is Happy!**

 **2. We can feel His Satisfaction when God is Happy!**

**\*\*Let’s be honest and ask ourselves this question: Have we really glorified the Lord today and made Him Happy? Or, have we just gone through the motions of worship?**

 **C. Glorification Makes God Huge**

**\*\*When we glorify the Lord, then . . .**

 **1. He is Highly Exalted!**

 **2. He is Highly Esteemed!**

 **3. He is Highly Elevated!**

**\*\*God is Huge with us or without us, but when we glorify Him then He gets huge in our church and in our lives!**

**\*\*To worship like the wise men, we must be glorifying the Lord for the purpose of make Him Honored, Happy, and Huge in this church and in our lives.**

**IV. WORSHIP IS ABOUT GIVING**

**Matthew 2:11 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.**

**\*\*To worship the Lord, you must give many gifts to Him.**

 **A. Give Him Your Treasures**

 **1. We give because of riches of Liberal Hearts.**

**II Corinthians 8:1-2 [1](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-1/%22%20%5Co%20%222%20Corinthians%208%3A1%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-2/) **How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.**

 **2. We give because of riches of Loving Hearts.**

**II Corinthians 8: 3-5** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-3/) **For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;** [**4**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-4/) **Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.** [**5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-5/) **And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**

**\*\*We can worship the Lord with our tithes and with our offerings only if we give with Liberal and Loving Hearts!**

 **B. Give Him Your Time**

 **1. Plan your time to give unto Him!**

 **2. Purpose your time to give unto Him!**

**\*\*Have you looked back at the times you missed church and asked yourself how important it was for you to miss?**

**\*\*We’d do well to plan and purpose our time to the Lord on a daily basis!**

 **C. Give Him Your Testimony**

**Psalms 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

 **1. Testify and tell what God did do for you!**

 **2. Testify and tell what God didn’t do for you!**

 **a. I have escaped a Wicked Hell!**

 **b. I have escaped a Wrathful Hate!**

 **D. Give Him Your Trust**

 **1. Trust Him with Your Faith**

 **2. Trust Him with Your Family**

 **3. Trust Him with Your Fortunes**

 **a. Some have Little Fortunes, but trust Him.**

 **b. Some have Large Fortunes, but trust Him.**

**\*\*To Worship the Lord like the wise men, we must be giving our Treasures, our Time, our Testimony, and our Trust to the Lord.**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*It’s not always easy to get to the place where the Lord is in order to worship Him! It wasn’t easy for the Wise Men to get to the place they were needing to go in order to worship the Lord either.**

**\*\*However, we must do our best to get where the Lord is and do our best to bring with us what is necessary to worship Him. And we must worship Him once we get to the place where he is.**

**\*\*The wise men had to follow a star in order to get to the place where the Lord wanted them to worship Baby Jesus!**

**\*\*There’s a star we must follow in order to get to the place where we can worship. That star is not a human being, not an officer, not a pastor, not a preacher, or anyone else. The star we must follow is the bright and Morning Star – Jesus Christ!**

**\*\*When we get to that place, we must humbly bow before the Lord and give Him our Treasures, Time, Testimony, and Trust.**

**\*\*I’ve made up my mind to Gladly Go, to Gladly Glorify, to Gladly Give and to Worship the Lord! How about you?**