

IMMANUEL HAS COME IN THE FLESH

Matthew 2:10-12 AMPC

[10] When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy. [11] And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts-gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And receiving an answer to their asking, they were divinely instructed and warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; so they departed to their own country by a different way.

When God came in the flesh through the birth of Jesus Christ He is showing you and me the power we can have walking in our flesh, because His birth, death, and resurrection became real power for you and me to receive for the impurities of our flesh and sin nature. God in our flesh by His indwelling presence. All to become intimate with you today, in a personal way, and to give you a tangible overcoming indwelling spirit to confront spiritual impurities that only God can help you with.

Now hell knows this already, because when God came in the flesh Satan shows up in the New Testament possessing people in the flesh. Satan copycats what God does. That's why he is called the antiChrist. Satan spoke through the serpent in the garden back in the book of Genesis and he tormented King Saul, but we have no accounts of demonic possessions until God came in the flesh at Bethlehem.

*AT THE TIME OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS THERE WERE 300 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING ON THE EARTH
ACCORDING TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.*

This means the 45 million who lived in the Roman Empire of the region of Israel did not recognize nor discern the creator was manifesting himself in real flesh and blood. With all the scholars, theologians and priests, none of them saw the importance of meeting the arrival of God in flesh at Bethlehem! Don't you find that amazing? That people during this Christmas season can become so wrapped up with the pursuit of life they too see no reason to make a big deal out of the birth of Jesus.

The Book of Matthew says in Chapter 5:8, ***blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see Jesus.***

This describes these wise men. They traveled 1000 miles just to see the baby Jesus. They brought with them over 2 million dollars worth of gifts to him as well. They traveled through dangerous regions against bandits and thieves to bring their treasured gifts to the King. God saw their hearts seeking purity and allowed them to see Jesus for who he was.

So the question I want to ask you this Christmas Sunday Service-how far today are you willing to travel to seek the King Jesus for conquering purity of your inner man?

Judas thought Jesus was worth 30 pieces of silver in traveling to betray him, but the wise men thought this same Jesus was worth 2 million dollars of seeking him with their lives on the line. Only the devil himself wants you and I to approach the presence of God cheaply and with no real desire for change.

But the side men show us what real change looks like when you approach the presence of Almighty God.

1. They brought Jesus Gold
2. They brought Him frankincense
3. And they brought Him myrrh

These three kinds of gifts tell us how to come to Jesus with an expensive and intense attitude.

Read **Matt. 7:20-23**

You see what cheapens our gifts when coming to God is the avoidance of confronting the impurity of our heart. By definition of our sin nature we must confront the uncleanness and immorality of this flesh everyday by the power of the indwelling Holy Ghost. The wise men brought myrrh because it symbolizes wrapping the dead in embalming. it was meant for repentance. This signifies coming to God with the faith he has a quickening power to help you overcome any immorality in your life. Immorality makes the heart colder. It hardens the conscience and it perverts the mind. Only Jesus can make us clean by his Word and Spirit.

Read **Romans 8:10-11**

He came in the flesh to help you with yours today. The second gift was frankincense. The 3rd gift is gold. Gold is the medal of kings. Gold given to a king means he has the right to rule. Frankincense was for worship, thanksgiving and prayer.

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