



## WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

**T**here are many who think themselves to be wise, but forget the Lord in their daily lives. They may be wise in business, computers, science, real estate, law, and any other field of endeavor. If you leave God out, you have proved that you are not so wise. Today the ones who have the true wisdom are still seeking the Lord Jesus Christ.

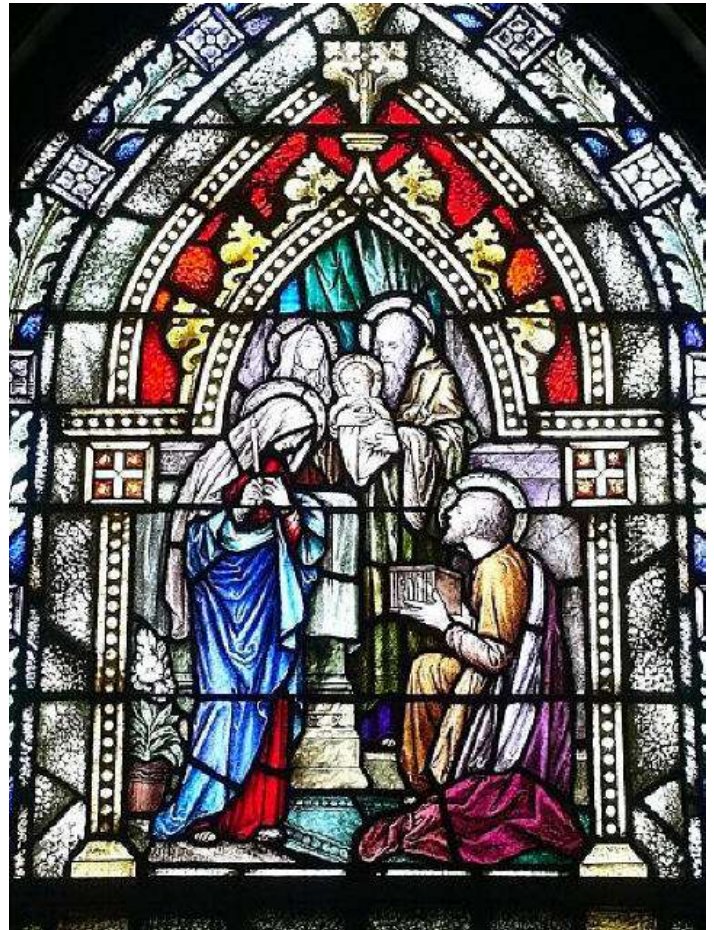
The wise who seek the Lord are seeking something that will last throughout all eternity, while the ones who are seeking something of this world are seeking something that will fail. Jesus asked this question:

### Matthew 16:26

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

There are many who are seeking all of the goodies that the world has to offer without even thinking about God. They are seeking all the wealth and riches that the world has to offer without even considering the destiny of their souls. There is a day coming when they will have to answer for their actions.

So the truly wise men of today are still seeking the Lord Jesus Christ. They are seeking for something that will last throughout all eternity. They realize that this world and all of the goods that are to be gained are only temporal and not eternal.



### Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover

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the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;  
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Here we see the rich man who spent his whole life seeking the world and not even thinking about God. In the end he realized that he was in error, begging for a prophet to return from the dead to warn his brothers who were also in the same condition. Needless to say if you gain the whole world and lose your soul, you end up with nothing to show for it. The rich

man ended up in hell burning for all eternity while the beggar Lazarus was resting in the lap of luxury. It was the rich man who forgot about God who ended up begging for a drop of water.

When the wise men came from the east seeking for the Messiah, they set off on a trek that would take them across the desert to a baby in Bethlehem. They knew the prophecies, and they were seeking everlasting life. They also were seeking a closer walk with the Lord. These were men who already had wealth, goods, and wisdom. They were seeking a deeper understanding and revelation of the Lord. They were willing to risk everything to seek the Lord, for they knew that without the Lord you have nothing.

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, 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 demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

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8 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 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 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.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

When the wise men entered Jerusalem it causes a stir throughout the entire city. These were not three lone travelers like portrayed in a lot of pictures, but this was a huge caravan coming into the city. Also, they were received and entertained as guests of Herod the king. The wise men were treated like royalty and were given access to the king.

The wise men mentioned in the Bible were truly wise and were seeking greater than they already had. Eternal life is something that the wise seek after, while the ones who only have their eyes set on the temporal things of this world miss out on the greater blessing.

Everyone here needs to seek the Lord Jesus and seek for a greater knowledge of him. As the days grow closer to the rapture of the church, and the rise of the antichrist, there has been a great falling away from the Lord.

The ones who think that they are wise and fail to seek the Lord only recognize their error

when it is too late. Now is the hour of salvation! Now is the time to really seek the Lord. Just like the wise men in the Bible now is the time while you still have the chance.

Are you seeking Jesus Christ with all of your heart?

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