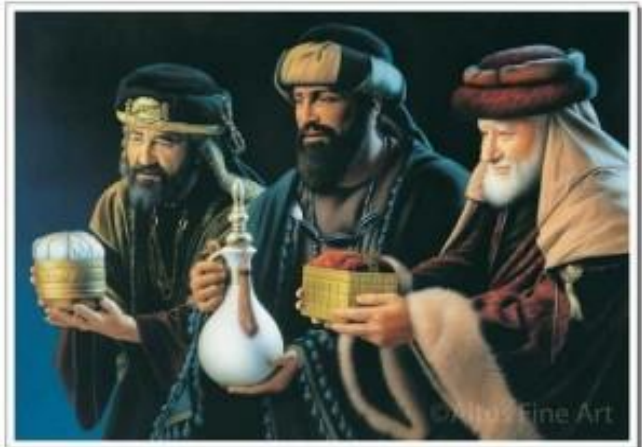


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wiser men worship to Jesus

scripture reading: Mathew 2:1-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory— this was during Herod's kingship—a band of the scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and worship the new-born King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signalled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory. Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars from the East. Pretending to be as devout as they were, he got them to tell him exactly when the birth-announcement star appeared. Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said, "Go find this child. Leave no stone unturned. As soon as you find him, send word and I'll join you at once in your worship." Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. They kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they went out in another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.



This is the third incident happened after Jesus birth. As we previously the privilege of knowing the about Jesus's birth was given to the simple and poor shepherds of Bethlehem. There we meditated about God's concern about the poor and simple people and HE has no partiality. Which means in God's sight everyone is equal whether they are rich or poor, educated or uneducated, white or black. When people meditate this many tend to mistake and think we have to focus on poor and simple people alone. That's wrong. God is impartial. Which means HE wants even rich people soul. Thus incident shows how much important HE gives for rich, educated and intellect wise men. Only thing they have to forget about their richness and intellect and seek HIM to worship. Then who ever may be, they shall find HIM. So my loving sweet heart, let's learn to seek JESUS CHRIST without pride but with humble. Let's pray now.

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5 NLT

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank you and praise you for your impartiality towards humanity. Help me to seek you and worship you without pride of this life. In Jesus most holy name I pray. Amen.

