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## The Right attitude to Jesus math. 2:11

no other being should occupy the center of our lives to-day but Jesus we celebrate his birth to-day. As a Book ground to his birth let us look at some prophecies;

For the prophecies concerning him there are two distinct and diverse classes;

1. The one places him above all conception of created power and dignity.
2. The other classing him with the most miserable and lowly.

How are these reconciled? turn to Gospel narratives there we see two diverse classes of facts

1. He appears as lowliest of men from birth to burial. He dies a man of sorrows. Born in a stable, fugitive in Egypt, carpenter. And last where to lay his head.

2. Lowly birth attended by dreams, fitting for birth of great King.

- a. A star from the invisible heavens guided wise men.
- b. Angel from invisible heavens announced his advent.

c. A great host from heaven joined in.

Of the first class are such passages as these: "A King shall reign and prosper." "All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him." "Prayer shall also be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised." "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." "The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the Government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Description exhausts itself; it can rise no higher as most abject. Take the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, throughout: "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." So lowly, so without form or comeliness, was he to be.

The birth when He was born why ever in the East wise men looked up and saw the star its brightness was extraordinary. It was a great light made for that occasion. It was not a star as we look upon stars to day for so many stars are larger than this world but this was a star made by the hands of God big enough for this occasion. It was more than a star it was a sign of glory from heaven - much brighter than the stars for they paled in its presence.

It led to where the child Jesus was and we are told by the best commentators that when it stood over where the child was it also descended to His head and became the halo around His head - that it was this which caused early painters to represent Him as having the halo about His head.

The "wise men" were following this star. who were these wise men?

1. They are supposed to be men of Jewish descent. Coming down from Abraham, this explaining why they knew of a coming messiah.
2. They are also supposed to be three kings, one from Europe, Asia, and Egypt.

Why do we think of them as three? well from the idea that it was three kings. P.S. 72:10 speaks of different kings who shall offer tribute.

Then there were three gifts offered. When the "wise men" entered the house and saw the young child with Mary His mother; they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each of these three gifts was very precious so much,

so that one man would hardly be able to give more than one but each man did want to give one individual gift.

"We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him" --- "when they came in and saw the child they fell down and worshipped Him"

"The light of the Holy Spirit and of the Bible has led us to Jesus and we who have found Him should humble our selves and worship Him --- not our children, not our wealth, not our fame and not even our family but worship Him and doing this will lead us to be good to all man kind and to love our neighbors --- those who need us --- as our selves."

"and they fell down and worshipped Him" --- and with out a period it says and opening up their treasures --- right while they worshipped I fancy --- and offered unto Him gifts. They did not try to kidnap Him and get a ransom --- they did not worship that gold come their way nor did they try to steal they halo from His head. But they offered the costliest gifts that they could bring. I do not know what became of those gifts --- Jesus did not buy a gown with them for His own sake. I imagine that he gave them to his parents --- at least to some needy person.

These gifts were significant from all we have been able to gather. The wise men likely knew the significance.

1. Gold was to symbolize Jesus as their King.
2. Frankincense was an incense to Him as their God.
3. Myrrh --- used for embalming --- would picture Jesus subject to death --- i.e. as our Christ who should become our pierced Redeemer.

They worshipped him as the Babe of Beth-  
lehem and King before his death. Should we  
do less as we come to celebrate his birth?

Let us this day receive into our hearts  
the Babe of Bethlehem thereby appropri-  
ating into our lives the innocence  
which characterized him in the  
manger.

Then let us worship him as Lord  
of Lords and King of Kings - offering not  
only our money to spread his cause  
but our lives to do his will.

"With his unlimited presence  
and undiminished power among his  
followers he is establishing his royal  
dais and regal prerogatives."

As Jean Paul Richter says: "Jesus  
being the holiest among the mighty  
and the mightiest amongst holy  
has lifted with his pierced hands our-  
selves off their hinges, turned the  
stream of the centuries out of its  
channel, and still governs the ages!"

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall  
will join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.