

part of the... returned from the... they were not... to the active... from their... they preserved their... with scrupulous care, and read them with diligence.

The wise men of Israel... were not... to the... of a... an expedition which several... describe as being... in the... world of that time...

God always honors such earnestness and humility. And He meets such men on the plane of their own thought. Thus, God met the fervent and expectant Jewish shepherds with a choir of angels...

They were not disobedient to the heavenly vision. They gathered up their richest and rarest treasures and started immediately across seven hundred miles of Babylonian desert...

They were pointed to a poor little struggling Judean hamlet as the possible birthplace of the Messiah. And straightway they turn their backs upon the Holy City...

They enter. How ignoble the paragon! A rusty old Galilean mechanic! A poor peasant girl! No golden crib with silken canopy!

Down they go upon the stone floor to "Abbe Him, in slumber reclining—Make and Monarch and Savior of all."

After this act of worship, they open their treasure chests, and first present to Him gold, the rightful tribute of a King...

And now, the holy wise men of the East are dismissed from the sacred narrative, but not until record is made of their last act of obedience to God...

ANALYSIS AND KEY.

- 1. The Magi, who they were; from whence they came.
2. Source of their information.
3. Not returning from Assyrian captivity.
4. Retain their literature and aspiration for Messiah.
5. Learn of Messiah from Jews.
6. Earnestness and humility honored.
7. Met on plane of our thought.
8. A star for star-gazers.
9. Obedience to its leading.
10. Disappointment.
11. Bethlehem.
12. Presentation and significance of gifts.
13. Characteristics of Magi.
14. Thoughtfulness, studiousness moral earnestness, faith.
15. THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.
16. The characteristics of the wise men may be studied to advantage.
17. They can be no finding of the Divine in the present day except as these traits are displayed.
18. They are as follows.
19. Thoughtfulness: They belonged not to the new and rigid votaries of pleasure and fashion; nor to the sensual, crying, "Let us eat, drink and be merry." They were no carni-vals of Mammon, bent on the acquisition of wealth. They were not consumed by ambition and greed of power. With pure, exalted minds, they thought of God and destiny.
20. They sought for Him who is the way and truth and life, by whom they could have access to the Father. The minute and circumstantial information which these men possessed indicates that they had access to reliable sources of information. They had studied the textbook of their subject. Studiousness is thus another of their characteristics.
21. Again, see their moral earnestness. It gave them victory over the strongest antipathies. It made them willing pupils of slaves. It led them to follow the star over almost insurmountable difficulties.
22. Again, how pure their faith. It never faltered, though all the circumstances humbly making were as unlikely. Their faith just clasped the Babe of Bethlehem being there in the manner, as the ring clasps the jewel.

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