Scripture Readings: Ex. 20:1-17 & Matthew 2

Singing Worship: 349:1-4 – 325:1-2 – 164:1-4 – 72:1-4 – 255:1-4

**The question:** What makes a young or old one a wise man?

A. Is it the way I am led?

B. Is it to where I am led?

**The portrait of the wise men**

I. They are seekers of the King of the Jews

II. They are worshippers of the King of the Jews

I. The first aspect of the wise men: they are seekers of the King!

A. Little background about these *wise men* in Matthew 2

 1. The things we really know is what Matthew told us

 2. We also know they weren’t like the Jerusalem Jews!

3. We know the end of their coming is touching: *they worshipped the Child*

B. The *wise men* were seekers!
 1. What makes a man/woman an earnest and enduring seeker?

 2. Do you realize *we all seekers – even earnest seekers?*

C. When God enters your life savingly, you begin to **seek like wise men!**

 1. You begin to seek the King of the Jews!

a. Though it doesn’t usually start there, it always ends there!

 2. If that’s where their all true seeking ends*… where does it start?*

 a. God awakens *different questions* then the question we are born with!

 b. What kind of questions does God *awaken* that spur us to seek King?

 3. Often you will experience what these men experience: *as you seek, you*

 *feel like more lost as it doesn’t go as you expected it!* (Job 23:3, 8, 9)

II. The wise men are those *who worship the King of the Jews*

A. This is the *place where God’s saving Spirit* leads all He leads

 1. His delight is to *make sinners wise in bow knee – confess with their tongue*

 a. He may either *starve us spiritually* by making all our efforts run stuck

 b. He may *kill us spiritually as with sword* like jailor and thief

 2. Yet if taught by Spirit – drawn by Father, you will worship Jesus Christ

B. What is to ‘worship Christ?’

 1. It is to trust Him with your whole person as the High Priest or Savior

 2. It is to submit to Him as the King or Lord

 3. It is to rejoice in Him and bless God as His salvation

Closing reflection: Are you among the wise men?

**Thoughts on Worship**

True worship exalts God to His rightful place in our lives.

Worship is giving the Lord the glory that is due in response to what He has revealed to us and one for us in Jesus Christ His Son.

In true worship, men think little of the means of worship. True worship is characterized by self-effacement and is lacking in any self-consciousness.

Worship is the submission of our nature to God; the quacking of our conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of the mind with His truth; the purifying of the imaginations by His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, and the surrender of the will to His purposes.