

Wise Moves for the Year Ahead

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INTRODUCTION: "This is not your father's..."

Matthew 2:11 (All verses from the New International Version 1984)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

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1. **God reveals Himself to those who seek Him.**

- Matthew 2:1-2 ¹ ***After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."***

- Jeremiah 29:13 ***You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.***

2. God speaks to those who listen.

- Matthew 2:12 ***And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.***

- Psalm 119:105 ***Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.***

3. God leads those who follow.

- Matthew 2:9-10 ⁹ ***After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.***
¹⁰ ***When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.***

- John 14:6 ***Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."***

CONCLUSION: Resolved