

Believe

THE RESPONSE OF THE WISE MEN

Introduction:

- Unexpected. Life is full of the unexpected! The dictionary defines unexpected as surprising; unforeseen; occurring without warning.
- Many times we find ourselves in the unforeseen circumstances of life. How do we respond? What do we do?
- When the Wise Men got to Bethlehem, what they found was not what they expected. But how they responded can teach us a lot.
- When you find yourself in the “unexpected” of life:

Look for the _____.

“We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:2).

God may be trying to _____ me.

“Where are we to buy bread that these people may eat?” (John 6:5)

God may be trying to _____ me.

[God] disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness...later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:10-11).

God may be trying to _____ me.

“He knows the way that I take and when He has tried me, I will come forth as gold” (Job 23:10).

Give God what is _____.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

Gold: I give the King my _____.

Frankincense: I give God my _____.

Myrrh: I give the Savior my _____.

Trust God to _____ You.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way (v. 12).

Conclusion:

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTION

The next time you find yourself in an unexpected situation of life, instead of asking “How can I get out of this mess?”

try asking, “How can God be glorified in this situation?”

One’s perspective is entirely changed by the spiritual realities behind that approach. It’s like switching on floodlights in a dark stadium.

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