**SERMON NOTES**

**Christmas 2024**

“Far As the Curse Is Found”

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

**The good news of Christmas and what it means above anything else is that Jesus Christ has come to the earth in order to make His blessings flow as far as the curse is found. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rightly to His coming is the only avenue and path to true joy.**

**How am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to respond to what God the Father has done in sending God the Son to the earth to seek and save me from my sin?**

**My response to what God has done for you in sending Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**When Matthew uses the word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in verse 1, he is calling out and telling us “Look! check this out! Can you believe what is happening?!”**

**What are we to behold in Matthew 2? That after the birth of Christ, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come from the east come to Jerusalem saying “Where is he who is born king of the Jews”?**

**What we know about the wise men is the most important thing about them - and the most important thing that could be known about anyone - that they came seeking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

**The wise men, or magi as they are also called, were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that is they were not worshippers of God.**

**God choose to use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the very means of the idolatry of the magi’s heart to lead and bring them to Himself.**

**The Magi’s hearts and lives were but a moment ago opposed and far from God but something has drawn them to Jesus and they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it.**

**The Herods were notoriously and obsessed and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with any suspicion or threat to their power.**

**Herod was a man made over God’s people. He had been appointed by Rome to be ruler over Galilee and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the title “king of the Jews” by the Roman Senate.**

**The word used in verse three to describe Herod’s reaction to the question of the wise men is the Greek word ταράσσω, witch literally translates to “troubled, terrified, disturbed, stirred up; to be in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**Jesus came to redeem us from as far as the curse of sin is found - not only our personal sins – but also in all of sin’s terrible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**When Herod heard of Jesus’ birth and entrance into the world, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was fear, cruelty, and evil.**

**In the sending of the star to the wise men to guide them to Himself, - as child - the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and humanity of Jesus is remarkable seen!**

**When the wise men finally see Jesus, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by falling down and worshipping Him.**

**The third response to Jesus in our text is one of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, indifference, and unconcern.**

**To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your life to this Savior is the only right response to the fact that Jesus came.**

**While I was yet a sinner and while I was opposed to and against Him, God sent Christ to the earth – born as a baby - that He might live and that He might die for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**The good news of Christmas is that from Heaven He came and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.**

**The way of the wise men is the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ response to Jesus. When you truly meet Him, you are not the same - you cannot be the same. You return from a different way than you came because Christ has come to save you and make you different than you were before you knew Him.**

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