

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Hope

MATTHEW 2:1-12

⁹After they 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. They then opened their treasures and presented him with the gifts of gold, and of incense, and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." MATTHEW 2:9-12 NIV

I. Life situations we will face in 2010:

1. _____ (Ps. 56:3)
2. _____ (Romans 7:24-25)
3. _____ . (Ps. 32:4-5)
4. _____ (Ps. 69:5)
5. Our hope is that God will keep His _____.
"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised he was able also to perform." Romans 8:21 KJV

II. The Journey of the Magi--Matt 2:1-12

1. The magi appear in Jerusalem. (Matt 2:1-12)
2. Herod is disturbed. (2:3-6)
3. Herod schemes. (2:7-8)
4. The magi worship Jesus. (2:9-12)

III. Application

1. Hope-filled hearts go the _____.
..they went on their way.... Matt 2:9b NIV
2. Hope filled hearts find _____.
They bowed down and worshiped him. Matt. 2:11c NIV
3. Hope-filled hearts trust God that the best is yet to _____.
Now this hope will not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. Romans 5:5, NIV

Wise men and women still seek Jesus!