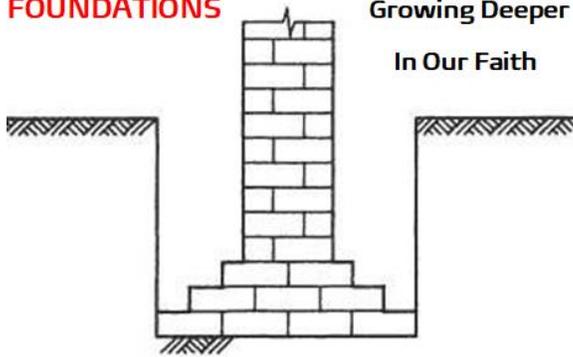


FOUNDATIONS



Psalm 11:3 (NKJV) ³ If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

Growing Deeper

In Our Faith

Foundations Bible Study for the week of December 20, 2020

- Read the Foundational Truth Text: **Matthew 2:1-12**
 - Today's Message from: **Dr. Danny Akin, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary**
 - Watch the Foundational Truth Video and use the outline below as you watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrrl-PxnZpA>

[Sermon: "Wise Men Still Seek Him!"](#)

FROM PASTOR JAMES: *My prayer for you and your family is that you will find the Savior like never before during this Christmas season. May God remind you that this season is about a Savior, and not the gifts. After all, Jesus was the greatest gift of all!*

STUDY NOTES:

NOTE: This account of the Wise men is unique to the Gospel of Matthew.

Five Truths as we reflect upon the truth that Wise Men Still Seek Him

- I. **Those who are wise will honor Jesus as King**
 - a. **NOTE:** Bethlehem means the house of Bread
 - b. **NOTE:** David was from the area of Bethlehem
 - c. **NOTE:** Bethlehem was and still is.....a special place.
- II. **Those who are wise will enjoy Him as their Messiah Shepherd**
- III. **Those who are wise will rejoice exceedingly at His coming.**
 - a. Herod's motives to see the king was not honorable. He was not desiring to rejoice!
- IV. **Those who are wise will worship Him as Lord and God – vs. 11**
 - a. What is ultimate in your life is what you worship and is in reality your God.
- V. **Those who are wise will give Him their very best gifts**
 - a. Authentic acts of worship will always flow from the heart.
 - i. The wise men were willing to give "sacrificial gift".
 1. **NOTE:** *Three gifts does not mean that there were only three wise men.*

Three ways we respond to Jesus:

1. **Like Herodwith hatred for who Jesus was when confronted with the gospel.**
2. **Like the religious aristocracy and they are completely indifferent and the gospel really doesn't matter.**
3. **Like the pagan Gentile astrologers who became wise men in seeking Him for worship. They gave Him their love, the devotion and their worship.**

Reflections Questions:

1. Why not take time and read the Christmas stories (Matthew 2 and Luke 2) to your family during the Christmas Season and ask each one why Christmas is so special, and consider why we give gifts today?