



The Wisemen were chosen vessels whom God chose that they might accomplish His will in the country of their home. We do not have any information except the brief in Matthew, but oh, an experience untold that only the Wisemen and the Lord, Himself, know. We do not know from what country they came, what the ministry was when they returned. The Word of the Lord does not reveal this, but does lead us to ask ourselves some questions.

When have you beheld His Glory, the glory of the only Begotten Son of God? When have you not been able to even speak, because of the power of His glorious presence, standing under the power of His glory? When have you wept because of the power of His glorious presence in your life?

"Do you know my Jesus? Have you heard that He loves you?"

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).*

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The Wise Still Seek Him

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They Beheld His Glory

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple (Isa 6.1).

How glorious is thy name, O Lord, above the heavens! The Psalmist writes for us much about the glory of the Lord. We also read of the glory of the Lord in the gospels as well as other books of the Bible such as Ezekiel.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid (Lk 2.9).

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea (Hab 2.14).

Hear the words of the prophet Micaiah in I Kings 22.19 – how beautiful are the words and the depth and breadth

And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

Paul writes in Ephesians 3.17-19 of the glory of the Lord in His love that is beyond knowing.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

May be able to comprehend with all saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God (Eph 3.17-19).

Oh, the glory of the Lord come down! As I read about the pillar of fire that led the children of Israel by night, the thoughts of the glory of the Lord is beyond my knowing, but a wonderful reminder of desiring to "Behold His glory."

And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth (Dt 5.24).

There are beautiful passages in the Holy Bible that reveal the glory of the Lord come down (Num 16.42; Eze 3.23; 8.4; 43.2, 5; 44.4). How I long to experience His glory knowing there is a cost, as there was for the Wisemen - as they followed the star that led them all the way.

There is a cost to know and experience the glory of the Lord. Read Exodus 33, and experience the powerful presence of the Lord's presence with Moses. Verse 14 is powerful; I am not sure that we today could even begin to live under such a glorious presence as did Moses. The people whom Moses was leading to the promised land, to include Aaron, were afraid to "come nigh him" after Moses had been in the presence of the Lord God Almighty.

And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him (Ex 33.29, 30).

There are many other passages in the Old Testament where some of the people of the Lord God experienced the glory of the Lord. Life was hard for those who sought the Lord God. It was not an easy road, but those that sought the Lord and followed chose that way out of knowing "The Love of God" for them and their love for the Lord – not comprehending the depth of such love.

The New Testament reveals the power of God's love in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5.8).

But ye [*are*] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Which in time past [*were*] not a people, but [*are*] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 P 2.9, 10).

The glory of the Lord is revealed in Revelation 7.9-17 in powerful words as the followers are around the throne worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ day and night. The Word of God gives us insight, reveals a *picture* of the body of Christ, those who have repented of their sins and have lived a life of holiness unto the Lord, coming together around the throne of God worshiping Him day and night, a people from all languages who knew Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

Oh, this is beyond knowing, being around the throne in the presence of the Holy One, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

Oh, how glorious as the Wisemen who sought the King of kings will be there, Moses, Isaiah, Paul, John the Baptizer. The prophets whose writings are in the Old Testament will be there; the prophetess whom King Josiah sent the High Priest to enquire of regarding the book that was found (II K 22); the deaconess – Phoebe (Rom 16.1); Philip, the evangelist, and his four daughters which did prophesy (Acts 21.8, 9); Rahab, the harlot – because she repented and turned to the Lord God (Jos 6; Heb 11.31); the virtuous woman who worked – a wise woman who provides for her family who reaches out beyond essential needs of the family who has people working for her to accomplish all that the Bible tells us (Pro 31.10-31); the women who ministered unto the Lord out of their own substance (Lk 8.3); and on the list

goes of men and women, of husbands and wives such as Prisca and Aquilla of whom Paul reminds us (II Tim 4.19; Acts 18.24-26).

How glorious to know those who loved the Lord God so much with their own lives all through the centuries – to include the time in which we live, most of whom it is not revealed to us today.

Experiencing the glory of the Lord is not something that we choose to experience. It is walking with the Lord Jesus Christ, walking a life of holiness as the Bible teaches. We are called to walk in the Spirit, walk with our eyes, ears, hearts fixed upon the Lord – not taking note of what is around us or who is around us and what they are doing. It is, as the hymn is written,

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.

Look full into His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Oh, how often our eyes are downward seeing people who have hurt us deeply with their lying tongues, seeing their followers who are guilty with them – by virtue of following them and listening to them.

Our prayer needs to be that of Martin Luther's of the 16th century.

Grant forgiveness also to those who have harmed or wronged us, as we forgive them from our hearts. They inflict the greatest injury upon themselves by arousing thy anger in their actions toward us. We are not helped by their ruin; we would much rather that they be saved with us. Amen.

The Wisemen who could have felt betrayed, who could have chosen to want to get revenge for what King Herod attempted to do – using them to reveal where the Christ child was, and then later the "slaughter of the innocents," could have taken from them the glorious experience they had. They could have taken with them anger that they had to return home a different way, no doubt a difficult trip physically. But, their joy in experiencing the presence of the Almighty Lord God in Christ, the child they met, changed their lives and their focus as they turned "their eyes upon Jesus" and truly the things of earth grew strangely dim as they left for home a different way than that came – to see the Christ child.

I believe their lives were changed for all eternity in just being in the presence of the Lord God that day. I believe their lives were so changed that as they returned home on that long and arduous trip, there was little to say one to another as they savored the presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords. They understood each other and the joy that was unspeakable in their experience, in their lives from that day forward. They beheld the glory of the only Begotten Son of God, Christ Jesus, and I believe their hearts were overflowing with a love they could not comprehend. I also believe that when they returned home, those who were around them from their home took notice that **they had been with Jesus**, as we read, in a later time of Peter and John in Acts 4.13 whom people took notice that "they had been with Jesus."