



Mighty in the Word

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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They Worshipped Him

The *Shadow of a Cross* arose long ago - in the Garden of Eden when man chose to sin, to disobey the Lord God in Christ Jesus, to become as a god unto himself.

The *Shadow of a Cross* arose long ago - when Pharaoh - chose to slaughter the innocent - out of great sin, and his need to be a god, a man of great power - fearful of little children - that one might arise out of this nation and threaten his power - the Hebrew nation, fearful that he might decline, and his power taken from him.

The *Shadow of a Cross* arose many times through history, and again in the days of King Herod when he, like the great Pharaoh, was fearful of a little child that might - and did - arise to overtake his kingdom. He also chose to slaughter the innocent, the boys and girls, two years and under that might tear down his kingdom.

Amazing what fear will do to man! Amazing what fear will do to any of us not walking with the Lord Jesus Christ daily, and who are not in the Word of the Lord daily, for it is "By the Word of the Lord that we are made overcomers. By the Word of the Lord, we able stand." Yes, by the Living Word, Jesus Christ, but also by the written word, the Holy Bible.

Fear brings out the worst in us; it brings out jealousy, our need for power over others, our need for lust, our need for others to serve us. Fear brings out envy, the need for one to build a kingdom that will also build power over others - even among those who say they are "christians." All too often those standing on the pulpitum and church-goers have become a part of the world, a part of Satan's deceptive work to take down the people of the Lord Jesus Christ and Christ's kingdom.

Beloved, this world is not my home! I am just a passing through. That's another sermon, but I just want you to know we are called to another country made without hands

But now they desire a better *[country]*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city (Heb 11.16).

Now, Satan's deceptive work leads many to hell though they, with pride, say --- well, let me read from the Holy Bible from Matthew 7.21-23.

Oh, Beloved, we have not taken seriously our vows to the **King of kings, King Jesus** - who came and lived among us, was crucified, died, and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave - that we might have life now and forevermore, that we might live in heaven with Him. Oh, hear the Word of the Lord. He is calling you today; He is calling you now.

The Magi were on the *Via Dolorosa*, *The Way of the Cross*. They were walking with Jesus all the time as they were seeking Him, they were worshiping Jesus Christ as they were led by the star in the East, led by the hand of God, Himself.

When have you

Stood on Holy Ground?

Removed your shoes as you stood on Holy Ground?

Seen the face of God - - - and died to self?

Experienced the glory of the Lord by the river Chebar and fell down to worship Him?

Experienced His glory, and with Isaiah said,

"Here am I, send me"?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Mt 7.21-23).

Oh! How many of these do we see today who are busy *looking* like they are a god by displaying their gifts that they believe they have - that, all too often comes, from the enemy. Oh, yes, Beloved, the enemy, Satan has power to perform miracles. Read the Word! Watch the shows at many "churches." (Mt 7.21-23; 24.5, 23, 24; II Cor 11.13-15)

Oh! *The Shadow of a Cross* arises today in the midst of the state churches, those many churches and those standing on the pulpitum, who are displaying their – and notice that I say **their** powers to perform "miracles" – as Simon the Magician in the days of Paul, and many others – desiring it to be seen as of the Holy Ghost – in Acts 8 (v 13, 18, 19 esp.). Oh, hear what Simon says after the prayer for the Holy Ghost to come upon the people in verse 19:

Saying, Give me **also this power**, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 8.19).

Now, hear what Peter says to Simon the Magician!

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee (Acts 8.20-22).

Oh, *The Shadow of a Cross* arose there – as this is exactly what is happening today all through the world in the "churches" just like all through history. People start their own "churches," big and small, for the sake of power and greed. This is what is in the tel-evangelists with their billions of dollar empires. This is done in the smallest of "churches" as well.

But, I am here to tell you of those few who have such an insatiable hunger for the One who came so long ago to die upon the Cross of Calvary for the sins of the world. No, not as some believe – that Jesus came and died on the Cross of Calvary so all is well and everyone is going to heaven – meaning there is no hell.

Jesus came to die on the Cross of Calvary for all who acknowledge their sinfulness with deep understanding of their need to acknowledge they are sinners and need to and want to and do repent of their sins, turn from their wicked ways, from Satan and the world – and turn to Jesus Christ, to seek His cleansing power in their lives, their whole being that they might live for Him Who died for them; for those who sing, "The world behind me, the Cross before me." Who sing, "Though none go with me, still I will follow" Jesus."

John 3.16 makes that very clear as does Luke 13.3, 5.

This is what makes the experience of the Magi so beautiful. Here we have wisemen who have spent their lives seeking the Savior. They know from the scriptures, the Holy Word of God, in the prophets, that a Savior is to come. Isaiah 9.6 and chapter 53 speaks of this as do other passages in the Word of God in Christ Jesus. A Savior is born!

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of *[his]* government and peace *[there shall be]* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this (Isa 9.5, 7).

The world has known about the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God – and there are those who have feared His coming because of their empires, their kingdoms being destroyed, shattered, abolished – meaning their power would be abolished, and they would be serving under the power of Another – the Lord Jesus Christ. They would, like us, have to make a decision as to whom they would serve: Satan or Jesus Christ.

I stand with Joshua in Chapter 24 who said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

And, there are those who have longed, as the hart pants for water, for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who came so long ago, Who continues coming in the lives to dwell, to live, to abide, in them; and they long to dwell, to live, to abide, to move, and have their being in Him. They cry out as did King David in Psalm 42.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *[is]* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *[is]* full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke (Isa 6.1-4).

There were those who worshiped as the glory of the Lord stood by the river of Chebar.

And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face (Eze 3.22, 23).

There are those who experienced the glory of the Lord as they were martyred and died in *seeming* shame – and has happened in our time, in my life time – and, perhaps, very recently of which I cannot mention further.