

December 15 & 16, 2018 Ken Long, Senior Pastor

The Gift of Worship

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

How do I come to worship the Savior?

1. Start with a sincere desire.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

Matthew 2:1

2. Develop an expectant heart.

saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the **true worshipers**will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is
seeking such people to worship him."

John 4:23

3. Choose to express joy.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10

With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

Psalm 45:15

And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! Psalm 107:22

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4. Decide to become humble.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they **bowed down** and worshiped him. . . . Matthew 2:11a (NIV)

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38

5. Plan to give gifts.

A. They gave Him gold, recognizing Him as King.

Therefore, I give Him my best.

 B. They gave Him <u>frankincense</u>, recognizing Him as <u>Priest</u>.
 Therefore, I give Him my worst.

C. They gave Him myrrh, recognizing Him as Savior.
Therefore, I give Him my all.

6. End with an obedient response.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:12

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." John 14:21

the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:21

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