

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
Isaiah 55:8-9



WISE MEN

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Part 2

WISE MEN STILL OBEY HIM!

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea,
during the time of King Herod,
Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,
“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship him.”
When King Herod heard this he was disturbed...
Then Herod called the Magi secretly
and found out from them
the exact time the star had appeared.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
“Go and search carefully for the child.
As soon as you find him, report to me,
so that I too may go and worship him.”
After they had heard the king, they went on their way...
And having been warned in a dream
not to go back to Herod,
they returned to their country by another route.
Matthew 2:1-3, 7-9, 12

FROM THE MAGI WE LEARN THAT IF WE ARE WISE WE WILL TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO OBEY HIM...

1. ...NO MATTER WHAT HE MIGHT _____ US TO DO!

And having been warned in a dream
not to go back to Herod,
they returned to their country by another route.
Matthew 2:12

2. ...NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE _____ US TO DO!

Then Herod called the Magi secretly
and found out from them
the exact time the star had appeared.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
“Go and search carefully for the child.
As soon as you find him, report to me,
so that I too may go and worship him.”
Matthew 2:7-8

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3. ...NO MATTER WHO WE MIGHT _____ OR WHAT THE _____ MIGHT BE!

When Herod realized
that he had been outwitted by the Magi,
he was furious...
Matthew 2:16

4. ...BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW _____ OR COUNTER-INTUITIVE IT MIGHT BE, HIS WAYS ARE BEST!

When they had gone,
an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
“Get up,” he said,
“take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.
Stay there until I tell you,
for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”
Matthew 2:13