

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #8

singing : "We Three Kings"

Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

Around this time of year one often sees the phrase, "Wise men still seek HIM" on Church marquees and Holiday greeting cards. We know that this is a play on words which has an obvious reference to the biblical account of the three Wise Men who having seen the Star of the LORD traveled from the East to worship the ONE who was born a KING.

The implication of the phrase is that since these men discovered this star in their wisdom, and decided to seek out the LORD, that, accordingly, men of the present time can and should do the same if they are truly wise. This sort of thought process is totally opposite to that which is revealed in the scriptures and is actually an arrogant statement.

Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians, "*the world by wisdom knew not God*". He said to the Romans, "*there is none that seeketh after God.*" The fact is that these ancient Maji or "wisemen" did not seek HIM because they were "wise-men", nor did they make any "discovery" by the power of their own understanding, but rather were given this knowledge of the birth of the KING by divine revelation.

The scriptures clearly state that those who are "wise" consider the gospel to be foolishness and cannot believe it nor will they seek to know HIM who is the SOURCE of all knowledge and wisdom. In fact the LORD said that HE had "hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. In the same fashion, we read in the scriptures that those among men who are considered to be "wise" are the exact ones whom the LORD says do not seek him.

We live in an age when every gimmick and trick of reason is used to try to persuade men to believe the gospel and embrace its truth. The prevailing thought is that men can be caused to decide to follow CHRIST if we can somehow or other appeal to their carnal understanding and reason. It is thought that men with great skill of oratory and persuasion can convince men to thus become believers by an act of their own free will.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST said, "*Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of GOD.*" The need of dead sinners is not the persuasive words of the most skillful of those who are called "soul winners", but rather the life giving power of the HOLY GHOST to awaken them from the spiritual death which they are in by nature. Unless a man is quickened by the LORD he cannot hear the truth nor will he ever embrace it.

We often hear preachers quote John 1:12 "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*" in their quest to prove that men have the power to believe and become the sons of GOD whenever they please. Yet the very next verse describes the sole source of the power to believe as being a miraculous birth which has nothing at all to do with the will of men, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. "

Without this work of the SPIRIT of GOD men will continue down the pathway of destruction completely oblivious and unconcerned with approaching judgment. Religious men especially scoff at the notion that it is not within their own power to believe the gospel and obey the word of GOD. Yet those who are awakened by the HOLY SPIRIT confess themselves to be sinners, and cry out for mercy from the hand of a sovereign GOD. They cast themselves at HIS feet and say "*LORD I believe, help thou mine unbelief.*" Wise men will not seek HIM, but those who are caused to see themselves as beggars by the SPIRIT will indeed hunger and thirst for a morsel from HIS table. "LORD evermore give us this bread."

singing "O STAR of wonder, Star of night"

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