

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ONE OF THE WISE MEN TO SEE...

(Isaiah 9:6)

- Introduction:
1. I have often wondered what kind of insight the wise men who visited the infant Jesus had.
 - a. Was their knowledge a miraculous manifestation?
 - b. Was their knowledge based on some natural phenomenon?
 2. Whatever the case may be, we do not need a miraculous manifestation or the wisdom of some great sage to know that Jesus is worthy of our worship and adoration.
 3. By examining the titles given to Jesus, we can clearly see why even the common person can see Jesus is worthy of praise.

I. WONDERFUL

- A. After examining the life and work of Jesus, it is clear why He would be called **Wonderful**.
- B. Jesus is **Wonderful** because of:
 1. What He saved us **from**.
 - a. (Romans 6:23) The wages of sin is death.
 - b. (Matthew 25:46) Everlasting punishment.
 - c. (Revelation 20:10; 21:8) A lake of fire where men will be tormented day and night forever.
 2. What He saved us **for**.
 - a. (Revelation 21:4) A new heaven and new earth.
 - b. (John 14:1-3) A heavenly mansion.
 - c. (I Peter 1:4) A heavenly inheritance.
 3. What He saved us **with**.
 - a. (Philippians 2:5-9) He died on the cross for us.
 - b. (Romans 15:3) Christ did not seek to please Himself.
 - c. (Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28) Purchased with His own blood.

II. COUNSELOR

- A. A counselor is one who gives advice to another; or one who suggests a plan of action or behavior for another.
- B. If this be the case, then Jesus is surely our **Counselor**.
- C. Through the instruction left to us in the Bible, every man's course of action has been outlined (II Timothy 3:16-17).
 1. For the ignorant - the word of God is profitable for teaching.
 2. For the one who intentionally does wrong - the word of God is profitable for reproof.
 3. For the one who unintentionally does wrong - the word of God is profitable for correction.
 4. For the one who needs built up - the word of God is profitable for

instruction.

III. MIGHTY GOD

- A. The fact that Jesus is God makes Him worthy of praise.
- B. (John 1:1;14) God became flesh in the person of Jesus.
- C. (Acts 17:28; Daniel 5:23) Our very life is in His hands.
- D. (Philippians 2:6; John 20:28).

IV. EVERLASTING FATHER

- A. The Hebrew phrase which is translated *Everlasting Father* in our English Bibles may be better translated as "the father or originator of eternity."
- B. (John 1:2-3) Nothing exists that was not created by Jesus.
- C. (Colossians 1:16) Jesus was the creator of all things.

V. PRINCE OF PEACE

- A. In one sense, Jesus is the *Prince of Peace*, but in another sense, He has brought division and war (Matthew 10:34-36).
 - 1. To those who accept Him and His message - He is the *Prince of Peace*.
 - 2. To those who reject Him and His message - He is a disturber of men.
- B. Through Jesus we have:
 - 1. Peace with one another (Ephesians 2:14).
 - 2. Peace with self (Philippians 4:7).
 - 3. Peace with God (Romans 5:1).

- Conclusion:
- 1. From what we know about Jesus, surely we can all agree that He is worthy of our praise and love.
 - 2. But the only genuine way to express our love to Him is through obedience (John 14:15).