

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had Opened Their Treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." *Matthew 2:11 KJV*



Gold, the stuff of kings! Frankincense was the perfume that permeated the Holy Place from the Table of incense before the Veil in the Tabernacle. Myrrh was part of the Holy Levitical anointing oil and also used for burial and embalming. These gifts were at once prophetic and symbolic of the life of Christ. What gifts have you brought to the KING recently? Was it the gold of your faith? Perhaps you brought the sweet-smelling incense of intimate prayer. Maybe it was allowing the perfumed Presence of the Holy Spirit to waft to others from your daily walk of obedience, covering the stink of sin and death.

The gifts that were presented to the Christ child were highly prized. You gave these gifts to curry favor from a monarch or ruler, or as an indication of your esteem. These were gifts that came at great personal cost. They were among the possessions of the wealthy. Does not our Father own the cattle on a thousand hills and the wealth of every mine? How dare we not bring precious gifts to our Liege and Lord, Jesus Christ! Do we not esteem Him highly? We want to curry God's favor by good deeds, but we balk at the commands to meditate in God's Word "day and night" and to "pray without ceasing." The personal cost of such gifts irks us and we forget the PRICE of our Redemption! How far are we willing to go to bring precious treasures to the KING? The wisemen traveled years over perilous terrain and through life threatening circumstances. Are we following His Light that guides us to Him? Have we inquired diligently of the Scriptures as to where He might be found? Our journey should always follow the Guiding Light and Voice of Truth. "My sheep KNOW my Voice and they follow me." We should ever be watching and following the light of Truth each day! Here's a thought: Did you ever walk a path through the woods with someone? Did you walk with them, because you were forced, or because you were a companion? Going the same direction? Headed to the same destination? Did you talk as you walked? We follow Christ (obey Truth), because He is our friend and companion. He knows the Path; is the Path.

Gold, frankincense, and wondrous myrrh,
Our gifts for Kingly favor sure,
His pleasure waits our gifts to take,
We give them for our Saviour's sake. ~CGP

Keep the incense of prayer ever burning in the Holy Place of your heart. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Perfume your life with the Holy Spirit's Anointing and the Gold of your Faith polished and gleaming through obedience to God's Word. Follow, inquire, watch, and wait. The Day Star will soon arise and forever banish night!

"We have also a more sure Word of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the Day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts:" 2 Peter 1:19 KJV