

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

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The story of the birth of the Christ Child is one that we never tire of hearing. In fact, it becomes dearer to us and means more to us each time we read it. Each time we read it over carefully and prayerfully some new fact is revealed to us.

In Matthew 2:2 we have these words of the wise men, "We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." Going down to the ninth and tenth verses we read, "And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."



Much has been said about this star. Some maintain that it was a new star, purposely created to guide the wise men to the Messiah. Some think it was the same light which appeared unto the shepherds and that the wise men were able to see it from where they were. Others think it was an angel clothed with a luminous body in the form of a star. Still others believe it was the Holy Ghost in the form of a star, as it took the form of a dove when it descended upon Christ at His baptism.

All these are only conjectures and guesses. The Bible does not reveal to us just what kind of a star it was, and it really doesn't matter. The point we wish to consider is that it led them to Christ.

May we compare ourselves to that star? Christ says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

No matter whether we are a big star or a little star, a bright star or a dim star, if we let our light shine always before men, some time, someone will see it and thereby will be led to Christ.

The wise men rejoiced when they saw the star. We rejoiced when the light of truth was revealed unto us. Others, too, will rejoice if by our light they come to a knowledge of the truth.

The wise men worshiped Christ and offered Him gifts when they had found Him. As we come to the celebration of this wonderful event, let us not forget our gifts for the King. And may we keep our lights shining so that we, too, may guide someone to Christ.