

Wise Men Still Seek Him

A special welcome to the Wisdom Chinese School Children's Choir! Today, many people devalue wisdom in pursuit of other things such as money, power, beauty, and fame. But the Bible prizes wisdom and encourages us to pursue it.

Happy is anyone who becomes wise—who comes to have understanding. There is more profit in it than there is in silver; it is worth more to you than gold... Wisdom offers you long life, as well as wealth and honor. – Proverbs 3:13-16

The foundation of wisdom is: **R**_____.

If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the Lord. But foolish people hate wisdom and training. – Proverbs 1:7 (NIRV)

The Bible tells us that at the time of Jesus' birth, three Wise Men from distant countries in the East came to show respect to Jesus, the King of Kings. They were wise because they searched the stars and recognized the unusual signs in the heavens that showed them that a most special king was born in Bethlehem. Just as the three ancient Wise Men recognized the signs of the times, we too, need to recognize the signs around us.

Today, there are signs from the Bible that Jesus is coming again.

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen? What will be the sign that you are coming again, and when will the world come to an end?"... Matthew 24: (GW)

1. Signs from S_____.

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal ... – 2 Timothy 3:2-5

And because there will be more and more lawlessness, most people's love will grow cold...- Matthew 24:12

2. Signs from N_____.

There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky.- Luke 21:11 (GNT)

3. Signs from P_____.

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars...Nation will fight against nation ... – Matthew 24:6

They will refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal, and have no love for what is good. They will be traitors. They will be reckless and conceited. They will love pleasure rather than God. – 2 Timothy 3:3-5 (GW)

4. Signs from your H_____.

What can be known about God is clear to them because he has made it clear to them. From the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly observed in what he made... – Romans 1:19-20

My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me searches for you. – Isaiah 26:9 (ISV)

Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together. – Rev 3:20 (CEV)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12 (NLT)

Wise men still seek Jesus today. Will you?

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9