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The Magi's Approach

Brothers and Sisters,

Last month, Christians around the world celebrated the birth of our Saviour with great joy. The story of the Magi (the three wise men) seeking and finding the child resonates deeply with us and has been told countless times (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12). Yahshua's birth and the Magi's response offer us valuable lessons on how we should approach Him in our generation.

The star that guided the Magi to the Saviour of the world speaks to us of the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When the Magi arrived where He was, the first thing they did was worship Him, and then they presented Him with gifts. Despite the child being a helpless babe, the Magi recognised who He was and offered Him what He deserved. Unfortunately, in our modern world, many people, unlike the Magi, seek the Saviour primarily for what He can give them. They want Him to fulfil their needs for a successful life. Today's evangelism frequently emphasises inviting people to accept or receive Yahshua based on the perceived benefits rather than the call to worship, the surrender of oneself, and service.

> "Brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of [Elohim], I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to [Elohim]; this is your true worship."
> (Romans 12:1, CSB)

When we come to the Saviour, we should do so in worship, acknowledging who He is and our need for Him. In this place of humility, we find forgiveness for our sins and offer Him what we have.

As stated in John 6:44, no one can come to Him unless the Father draws them. So, when we reflect on the story of Yahshua's birth, let's remember the Holy Spirit's crucial role in guiding us to Yahshua. As we come to Him daily, let's challenge ourselves to offer Him genuine worship and acknowledge His deserving place in our lives. Are we approaching Him as the wise men did? Or are we merely focused on what we can gain even though He happily supplies all our needs (Matthew 6:13-33)?

We can cultivate a more meaningful and fulfilling relationship with our Saviour by prioritising our worship and surrendering our lives to Him.

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