

Two Types of Gifts

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Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV)

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (ESV)

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not know. Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV) (see also James 1:5, Jeremiah 29:13, Isaiah 55:8-9)

Three Gifts That Were Needed: (by them and us)

- **Gold** for one who is ...
- **Frankincense** for one who is ...
- **Myrrh** for one who is ...

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5:8,11 (ESV) (see also 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. ¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child ..." Matthew 2:12-13 (ESV)

He has showed you, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Three Gifts That Are Wanted: (by God)

- **Act Justly** (Luke 6:31)
- **Love Mercy** (Luke 6:35-36)
- **Walk Humbly w/ God** (Luke 6:46, Matt. 11:28-29)

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