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## Seasons Greetings

### 46th Year Broadcasting - 65 Years Preaching the Gospel 25th Wedding Anniversary

*We send this special December issue of GIJAPA in lieu of a Christmas card to say THANK YOU for your faithful gifts and prayers through out the year. Thank you for standing with me as I begin my 46th year broadcasting November 18, my 65 years in the ministry and 25 years married to Naomi December 18th. Don't forget, we can't carry on this work without you!*

## UNDER THE TREE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

December the twenty-fifth is the birthday of the Lord. It should not be necessary but it needs to be pointed out that we don't know what day the Lord was born, He didn't tell us in His word. But He was born and it might as well have been December the twenty-fifth as any other day of the year.

People usually get gifts on their birthday so we need to give the Lord a gift on His birthday. Then there is an additional element when we think of Christmas—there is the matter of the tree. If you are going to give a gift to the Lord on His birthday, put the present under the tree.

Put it under the tree that Peter talked about. Peter said in Acts the fifth chapter, "whom also they slew hanging Him on a tree." Paul said in Galatians the third chapter in speaking of the crucifixion, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." You see, the real Tree is the CROSS. Personally I can think of no better way to celebrate the

birthday of the Lord than by placing a generous check at the foot of the cross. Sending that check to the GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY radio broadcast is one way to put your present under the tree, and know exactly where it's going, because you can listen every Sunday.

## Special Thanks

GIJAPA extends a special thanks to those that volunteer their faithful service through out the year. Our son, Eric Vail for keeping all of our computers/office equipment updated and in good working condition. Nancy Bravinder, Ed's niece from St. Paul, MN, for the hours of proofreading of Ed's sermons prior to Naomi sending them out by email and posting them on the web page. Bob & Martha Feathers from the Pinehurst Christian Church (provides funds for this program) in Marietta, OH, for the hundreds of audio tapes sent our students when they complete their 30 lessons in Studies in the Bible. Robert & Kathleen Bucheler from England for listening to Bible Voice Europe and Bible Voice Russia each Sunday and sending a reception report. Prof. Ed Karunakaran from Union Christian College in India for

listening to the Sri Lanka broadcast into India each Sunday and for using our Bible Studies for his college classes. Ike & Lee Perty for the distribution of Bibles and Bible Studies in Ghana on behalf of The Truth/GIJAPA outreach.

THANKS to the following individuals and churches for clothes given for our Africa outreach: Ruth & Lee Ashbaugh and the Hocking Hills Church of Christ, Logan, OH, where Tom Postle is the evangelist for the van load of clothes three different times during the year. Marshall Church of Christ, Hillsboro, OH, for the numerous bags and boxes of clothes and special thanks to Jim Walker from the Marshall Church for his hundreds of ponchos that he bought for Africa. Melvin See & John Copp from the Church of Christ at Grissom in Peru, IN, for their truck load of clothes brought to Family Camp. Pam Davidson and the Allensburg Church of Christ, Lynchburg, OH for sharing in this outreach to Africa to clothe the naked. As we say "thank you" we are reminded of Matthew 25: 36 and 40, "I was naked and ye clothed me. . . And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, insasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



## THE STAR

In Matthew chapter two we find the story of the STAR. The star is mentioned four times in the chapter. The first time is in the second verse. Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

The second time is in the seventh verse. Then Herod, when he had privily called the Wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

The third time is in the ninth verse. When they had heard the King, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

The fourth time is in the tenth verse, which reads, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

### WE SAW HIS STAR IN THE EAST

The Wise men saw the star while they were in the east. The gospel song says it for us:

*Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

The Wise men came to Jerusalem looking for the newborn King. It is to be remembered that the first question that God asked of the first Adam in the Old Testament in the Garden of Eden was, "Adam where art thou?" The first question that is asked of the second Adam in the New Testament was by the Wise men and they said, "Where is He? Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have come to worship Him." They called Jesus the King. He was the King. For one thing He was born a King. He is called the King while He was in the cradle. Not only was He recognized as the King in the Cradle, He was also called the King on the cross. Pilate put up a sign on the cross that pro-

claimed Him, "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS." The King in the Cradle and The King on the Cross. But His Kingship reached out to another dimension; He is King of the Church. Upon this rock I will build My church, I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom. My kingdom is not of this world. King in the Cradle, King on the Cross, King of the Church, and also King at His coming again. In the imagery of Revelation He is seen at His return on a white horse and on His thigh was written King of kings and Lord of lords.

### WHAT TIME THE STAR APPEARED

The second mention of the Star, Herod called unto him the Wise men privately. Herod asked the Wise men what time the star appeared. Herod obviously believed the scripture.

He believed that the Christ had come. Believing It, he had no intention of accepting the truth, and applying it to his life. What the Lord wanted did not fit his life style. There is many a Herod in this audience today. People who believe the gospel truth, but no affirmative decision will be made. So he inquired what time the star appeared. He sent them to find out exactly concerning the young Child. Neither Herod nor the scribes went with the wise men. They knew and believed the scripture, but there was a gap between their knowledge and their performance. The prophecy said that the newborn King would be a governor of His people. Herod did not want a governor over him.

It is the same problem now. In the first gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost, Peter laid it on the line when he said in the thirty-sixth verse of the second chapter of Acts. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." People today want a Savior, they want a Messiah, but they don't want a Lord. Jesus not only wants to be your Savior, He wants to be your Lord as well. He wants to be able to tell you what to do, what to say, how to live. He wants to give thrust to your life.

### THE STAR WENT BEFORE THEM

And they having heard the King went their way and lo the star, which they saw in the east, went before them and came and stood over the place where the young child was. Many explanations have been given regarding the star. One of the most popular is that there was a conjunction of planets about that time of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Venus. They supposedly were lined up in such a way as to look like one gigantic star. This explanation just won't work. Suppose that all the planets in our solar system were lined up in such a way as to form one gigantic super star. Think of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, so arranged in the heavens that they looked like one glorious celestial light. There would be one glaring reason why even such a sight, as this could not have guided the Wise men. Even such a star would not stand over any particular house. It would stand over every house in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and over every house in all the area. There is no way that such a heavenly sight could fit the scriptural account, the star that they had seen in the east that went before them, and stood over the place where the young child was. There is no way that astronomers today can find the Star that guided the Wise men. It was a special star used of

God for the great event of the birth of Jesus.

Now at this point the Wise men had a problem. Some great mystery they could not understand. It must have baffled them no end. I refer to the statement that, the star stood over the place where the young child was.

Think of their amazement as they knocked on the door. Joseph opens, and welcomes them. The Wise men say, "Is this it? Is this the place?" Joseph says, "You have come to the right place." One of the Wise men, I have forgotten which one said, "This doesn't look like the right place. On all the Christmas cards I have received there should be a manger and some cattle, and some shepherds. If this is the right place, please explain, where the shepherds are, and there also ought to be some angels flying overhead and we don't see anyone. Why isn't the choir singing, Silent Night Holy Night?"

It was at this point, that Joseph told them, "If you gentlemen want to get your spiritual guidance from Christmas cards, no wonder you had a hard time finding us. The shepherds have been here and are long gone, maybe a couple of years ago. We moved out of the stable, and have been at this house for some time now."

The star went before them and stood over the place where young child was. The star did not go past Bethlehem, nor did it fall short of Bethlehem, nor did it go the right of, or the left of Bethlehem. It came to the place, smack dab on the spot over the house where the young child was. And that brings us to the fourth mention of the star.

#### **WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR THEY REJOICED**

The fourth mention of the star was when they saw it with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house, and saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. It says they worshiped Him.

It does not say they worshiped her. They worshiped Him. And they offered unto Him gifts: a rattle, a pacifier and a teddy bear. Who in their right mind would give any child gold, and frankincense, and myrrh? What could a young child, as Jesus is called here, do with gifts like that? Do you really believe they gave Him stuff like that? Perhaps as we read what they really gave, we ought to revamp our giving ideas. The reason they gave what they gave was because they were Wise men and not dumb men.

How about giving young people a good example. One high school student who came to school drunk, when asked how she got booze to get drunk at seven o'clock in the morning said, she got it out of the refrigerator at home. That may be the best gift some of you could give to your kids, pour your booze down the drain. How about giving yourself something as a stocking stuffer, some self respect?

The greatest gift of all is the gift of yourself. An example, of the kind of giving that counts, is found in Second Corinthians chapter eight, "And this they did, regarding the poor Churches of Macedonia, who gave beyond their means." Some today live beyond their means, but these gave beyond their means.

The secret of their generosity was they first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. The greatest gift you can give is to give of yourself.

#### **CONCLUSION**

These are the four times the star is mentioned in

Matthew chapter two: We saw His star in the east, what time the star appeared, the star went before them and stood over the place, and they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great Joy.

*The Star road is the fairest road that ever you will follow.  
It winds as sweetly as a song through desert and through hollow.*

*It leads us up high mountain peaks, and into promised lands.  
And at the end a baby waits with tiny out flung hands*

*The Star road is the straightest road,  
although it climbs and dips.*

*But always there's a garden spot, a spring for parching lips.  
There always is a bit of shade when midday gilds the skies.*

*And at the end a mother waits with wonder in her eyes  
O you who travel on that road the starlight has made, bright  
Need never fear the crash of storms the tumult of the night.*

*For through the crowding centuries the angel voices call  
And at the end the Savior waits with a haven for us all.*

## **L E T T E R S**

Dear Mr. Bousman,

May the almighty God, our creator, continue to bless you in your ministerial efforts. It is an uplifting joy to hear you each Sunday. More accurately, it is an uplifting joy to hear the word of God spoken and presented in such a context as you render it to your listeners. I like the manner of the presentation, its call to acknowledgement and for responsible behavior on the part of all Christians, all hearers. Your program is aired on WRVA radio in Richmond, VA, twice each Sunday and I try to listen each time, less I miss something. Keep preaching, keep teaching! Getting the word out is the mission. You are doing your part in this most essential of services. Thank you.

Oscar from Richmond, VA

Dear Sir,

I am a young man aged 21 years; I was born in a family of six, my father passed away when I was 11. After my father died my uncle took me and raised me, the situation was unbearable that is when I committed my life to God. Suddenly my uncle died last year and now I'm carrying the load to take care of my family. Here in Zimbabwe there are no jobs, the situation is unbearable, and I've been working as a shop-keeper. Please help me with a Bible and your correspondence Bible studies. I have no money.

Noah from Zimbabwe, W. Africa

It will interest you to know that last night at about 10:35 pm; we baptized a Moslem with whom we have studied the bible with for almost two months now. He believed and asked finally for baptism and it was late in the night but he insisted that we do it for him before it is too late. So with me and the man and his wife (who will soon) traveled to another town for the baptism. We got back home around 12:05 am, but we are so glad. Let's continue to pray for them we are both doing fine.

However, there is another Moslem woman we converted somewhere in April this year in one of the villages

whose problem is ours now because the husband and family have disowned her and after her to kill her. Please, pray for her... thank you and stay blessed.

Ike and Lee—Ghana, W Africa

Beloved Ed Bousman and Naomi,

I hope you are all fine through the grace of God; we are also doing well here. This year the work has been moving on fine and I know by the end of the year we could achieve a lot more to the glory of God. We thank you so much, keep on praying for us, especially for our new converts and the numerous prospects we have now. The rains are completely over now and we have begun serious evangelism here. There would be no rains until next July. I was supposed to travel to Sierra Leone last month to assist in an outreach mission but I couldn't make it. They really needed my presence there. From Sierra Leone, I would have also visited and worked with the brethren in Liberia before returning. The church here tried all they could to fund that important trip but they couldn't. It pains them a lot.

A refugee brother I converted from the New Apostolic Church here later went to Sierra Leone to plant a congregation in the east of Sierra Leone in Kono. I trained him to some level here. He is called Kabba Tamba. Since then I have been going there once a while to assist in gospel meetings and answering of questions piled up. It has always been a successful trip, many give their life to Christ. Sometimes some false teachers arrive during my absence and teach them wrongly, so they are always careful waiting to hear from me before embracing anything.

I remember we sometime ago planted a Church in Senegal but after our departure a certain preacher from another country arrived there informing the brethren that those with several wives visiting the Church on regular basis could be baptized. That wrong impression encouraged

those with a single wife each to take a second wife. I was immediately informed and I had to rush back to them as early as possible. It has since been okay with them.

In Sierra Leone, the brethren had wanted me to answer a question as to whether someone can just join the Church without baptism. The Pentecostals were also saying that members of the churches of Christ do not have the Holy Ghost because they have not been baptized into Holy Ghost Baptism.

I printed some lessons to the brethren there since I could not make the trip. Brother, in Africa we have a way to teach to bring the peoples understanding to the truth. On water baptism which is the only baptism of today, I explained into details how important it is, so far as Salvation is concerned.

Baptism is in the act of going down into the water and then coming up out of the water—Acts 8:36-39 and Matt.3:16. It is a form of a burial or planting—Rom. 6:3-6.

The thief on the cross was saved before Jesus' death and resurrection. He lived under the Old Dispensation. Since the Great Commission took place after Jesus' resurrection, no one had been declared saved without passing through the process of Baptism, no one.

The Church at Kono in Sierra Leone is growing. They number about eighty now. I converted many of the refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia during their stay in the Gambia in the war days over there. I converted many Muslims and denominationalist, plenty of them. God is Good.

I thank and salute the entire congregation there. I greet you and your wife. I thank you all and pray that God keeps abiding with you all through Christ Jesus, Amen. Please keep on praying for us.

Your own brother, Alexander, a servant of  
The Most High God, The Gambia, W. Africa



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