

Birthday Party

Part One - Presents

God is a giver.

James 1:17, Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Ephesians 5:2, And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance.

Matthew 10:8, Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 2:11, They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Wisemen's Presents

1. Gold was a gift one gave to a King.

Matthew 2:2, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

Hebrews 1:8, But to the Son, he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice."

Isaiah 9:6, For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Revelation 20:4, Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge... They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

2. Frankincense was a gift one used in worship.

Isaiah 7:14, So, the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].

Matthew 2:2, "...we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:10, When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

2 Peter 1:19, We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 2:12, When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

3. Myrrh was the strangest gift of all.

Isaiah 53:5, But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds, we are healed.

Acts 4:12, "...there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

4. Worship is the gift we should all give to Jesus.

Romans 12:1, And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.