

## **The Perfect Gift**

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**Matthew 2:1-3, 9-12 (NKJV)**

**1** 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, **2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

**9** When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. **11** And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

**GOLD: a symbol of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Haggai 2:8 (NKJV)** 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

**Psalm 24:1 (NIV)**

**1** The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

**Psalm 50:10 (NLT)**

**10** For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

**FRANKINCENSE: a symbol of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Philippians 4:18-19 (NLT)** **18** At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. **19** And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**MYRRH: a symbol of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **1. WORSHIP IS THE ACT OF GIVING**

**"...fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him..." Matthew 2:11**

- (1) They gave of themselves.**
- (2) They gave of their time. Traveled from afar.**
- (3) They gave of their treasure.**

### **2. WORSHIP REROUTES OUR LIVES**

**Matthew 2:12** Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.