

Declaring God's Glory (3)

Matthew 2

We have considered the declaration of God's glory from several perspectives. We witnessed the "favor" of God in Mary's life and her willingness to embrace the message of Gabriel and participate in God's redemptive plan. We also considered God's grace and glory declared and experienced by the "ranch hands" (shepherds) of the Bethlehem hills. Of course, the greatest declaration of God's glory was found in the revelation of Jesus Christ as Mary's "first born" from heaven who came to save us from our sins. Today we will see God's glory manifested from several very different sources. It is interesting to find that the incredible glory of God declared to a group of scholars from Persia led to the fulfillment of prophecy and extended God's salvation to the Gentile world. We find that God's salvation not only reached the lowest of the low (shepherds) but also the elite of the elite in our world (Wise Men). These wealthy and influential students of history, science, and astronomy discovered God's glory and pursued it at great cost. The end result of their long and arduous search brought them to Jesus Christ the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. It was at His feet that these men, society's elite, bowed in humble and meaningful worship of God's Son and the World's Savior.

The Glory of God declared to society's elite...

(1) They witnessed the glory v. 2

(2) They heard/read the glory Vv. 5, 6

(3) They followed the glory v. 8

(4) They listened to the glory v. 12

(5) They responded to the glory Vv. 10-12