

Daily Devotional, December 24, 2020

'Follow the Star', (Matthew 2:9, NKJV)

“the star which they had seen in the east went before them” (Matthew 2:9)

The magi made it the journey of a lifetime to come and see and worship the newborn King Jesus. They believed the Word of God, which said that *“A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel”* (Numbers 24:17). Then they followed it by faith. The wise men followed the Star.

Today and tomorrow, we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We read about His Star, the unique Messianic Star that *“came and stood over where the young Child was”* (Matthew 2:9). This was not the alignment of two planets, as some fancifully claim, although we do not despise that the recent alignment of Jupiter and Saturn may have caused many to wonder about the Messianic Star. Stars do not stand over specific individual localities. Rather, this Star was the Shekinah Glory, the visible Glory of God (see *Luke 2:9*). So it is for us. Spiritual faith in the Savior is not a natural event, but a supernatural one. We are not led by a Star in the heavens, but rather we are led by God the Holy Spirit from the heavens. The Christian life is a pilgrimage of a lifetime. Are you on that journey? If so, good. Make it a continual pilgrimage. Follow the Star. May the Light of Christ be before you this Christmas and ever more shall it be before you. Come to where He is, in the very throne room of heaven. Leave your gifts of praise and worship. And leave fulfilled by God's peace and forgiveness. Forget the world and enjoy a quiet day, and focus on the Lord. As you follow the Star, say with David, *“My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to you, And I will look up”* (Psalm 5:3).