
WEEKLY GUIDE – 12. 27.15 – 1. 2.16

The Mission of the Master Begins OUR LAVISH WORSHIP OF OUR SERVANT KING.

SUNDAY- MAT. 2:1-12 “WHERE IS HE?...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: OUR SEEKING MUST BE FROM A HUMBLE HEART.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: THE WISE MEN CAME FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY TO WORSHIP ONE THEY REALLY DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT. BUT THEY WERE HUMBLE TO SUBMIT TO THE TRUTH THEY FOUND THERE.

REFLECTION: WITH WHAT HEART DO WE SEEK GOD AS A FAMILY?

MONDAY- MATT. 2:6 “AND YOU, O BETHLEHEM...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: GOD'S KINGDOM VALUES ALL THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: AS BETHLEHEM WAS SMALL BUT MEANT FOR A GREAT PURPOSE, SO TO THE WEAK ARE MADE GREAT BY KINGDOM STANDARDS.

REFLECTION: DO WE VALUE THINGS AS GOD DOES OR AS MAN?

TUESDAY ISAIAH 53:10-12 “..BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES ...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: GOD'S SERVANT, JESUS, CAME NOT TO BE ADORED, BUT TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: SOMETIMES OUR ESTIMATION OF GOD'S WORK AT THE CROSS IS LOW BECAUSE OUR ESTIMATION OF HIS. TRUE GLORY IS LOW.

REFLECTION: HOW CAN WE BUILD A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S GREAT GLORY AND GREAT SACRIFICE INTO OUR FAMILY LIFE?

WEDNESDAY ISAIAH 53: 10-12 “THE SIN OF MANY ...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: OUR WORSHIP IS ALWAYS IN RELATION TO OUR NEED.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: OUR NEED FOR SALVATION IS SO VERY GREAT. SOMETIMES WE MISS THE OUTRAGIOUS SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE OF JESUS.

REFLECTION: WHAT SINS DO WE FLIRT WITH AND THINK AS NOT AS IMPORTANT AND THEREBY DIMINISH OUR WORSHIP OF THE SAVIOUR?

THURSDAY- ROMANS 13:2 “RESISTING GOD'S APPOINTED”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: WORSHIP IS SOMETIMES SIMPLY IN THE MUNDANE HAPPENINGS AND “POLITICS” OF LIFE.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: IF WE CANNOT WORSHIP GOD BY HONORING THE AUTHORITIES HE HAS PLACED UPON US, HOW DEEP IS OUR WORSHIP?

REFLECTION: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO HONOR AUTHORITIES? DO YOU REALLY RESIST GOD BY NOT HONORING THOSE IN AUTHORITY?

FRIDAY- JAMES 4:7 “SUBMIT YOURSELF THEREFORE...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: WORSHIP IS SUBMISSION TO GOD. BENDING A KNEE BEFORE HIS SOVEREIGNTY AND DEVELOPING A DEEP CONCERN FOR HIS WILL.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD. DOES PRIDE HINDER YOU FROM SUBMITTING TO GOD AND TRULY WORSHIPPING BEFORE HIM?

REFLECTION: WHAT ARE WE AS A FAMILY UNWILLING TO LET GO OF? HOW CAN WE BETTER SUBMIT OUR LIVES TO THE LORD?

SATURDAY- JAMES 4:7 “RESIST THE DEVIL...”

TRUTH OF THE DAY: RESIST MEANS TO OPPOSE. IN THE VERSE ABOVE WE SEE THAT GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD. WE IN TURN, IN HUMILITY ARE TO OPPOSE THE EVIL ONE – AND IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER WE ARE ABLE TO STAND

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: OPPOSITION TO EVIL DESIRE IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO VICTORIOUSLY WORSHIP OUR LORD. OTHERWISE, WE AND OUR WORSHIP ARE SHIFTED ABOUT AND UNSTABLE.

REFLECTION: SUBMISSION IS THE OPPOSITE OF RESISTING OR OPPOSING IN WHAT WAYS TO WE UNWITTINGLY OPPOSE THE LORD RATHER THAN WORSHIP HIM? IT CAN'T BE BOTH WAYS. WORSHIP IS SUBMISSION.

WEEK IN REVIEW: AS THE WISEMEN LAVISHLY WORSHIPPED OUR LORD AS A TODDLER, WE ARE TO WORSHIP HIM AS OUR SAVIOUR. DO YOU REMEMBER TODAY HOW MUCH YOU NEED A SAVIOUR? OR HAS YOUR REMEMBRANCE AND DESPERATION GROWN COLD? IF SO, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AS OUR DESPERATION AND NEED GROW COLD IN OUR MINDS, SO DOES OUR WORSHIP.

HE HAS PAID SUCH A DEEP SACRIFICIAL PAYMENT, HAS SUBMITTED HIMSELF IN SUCH AN UNPRECEDENTED WAY, HE DESERVES OUR WORSHIP – EVERY PART OF IT, EVERY BIT OUR SUBMISSION AND WORSHIP IS DUE HIM.
