

*Epiphany:
Laying Our Crowns
at the Feet of Jesus*



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, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



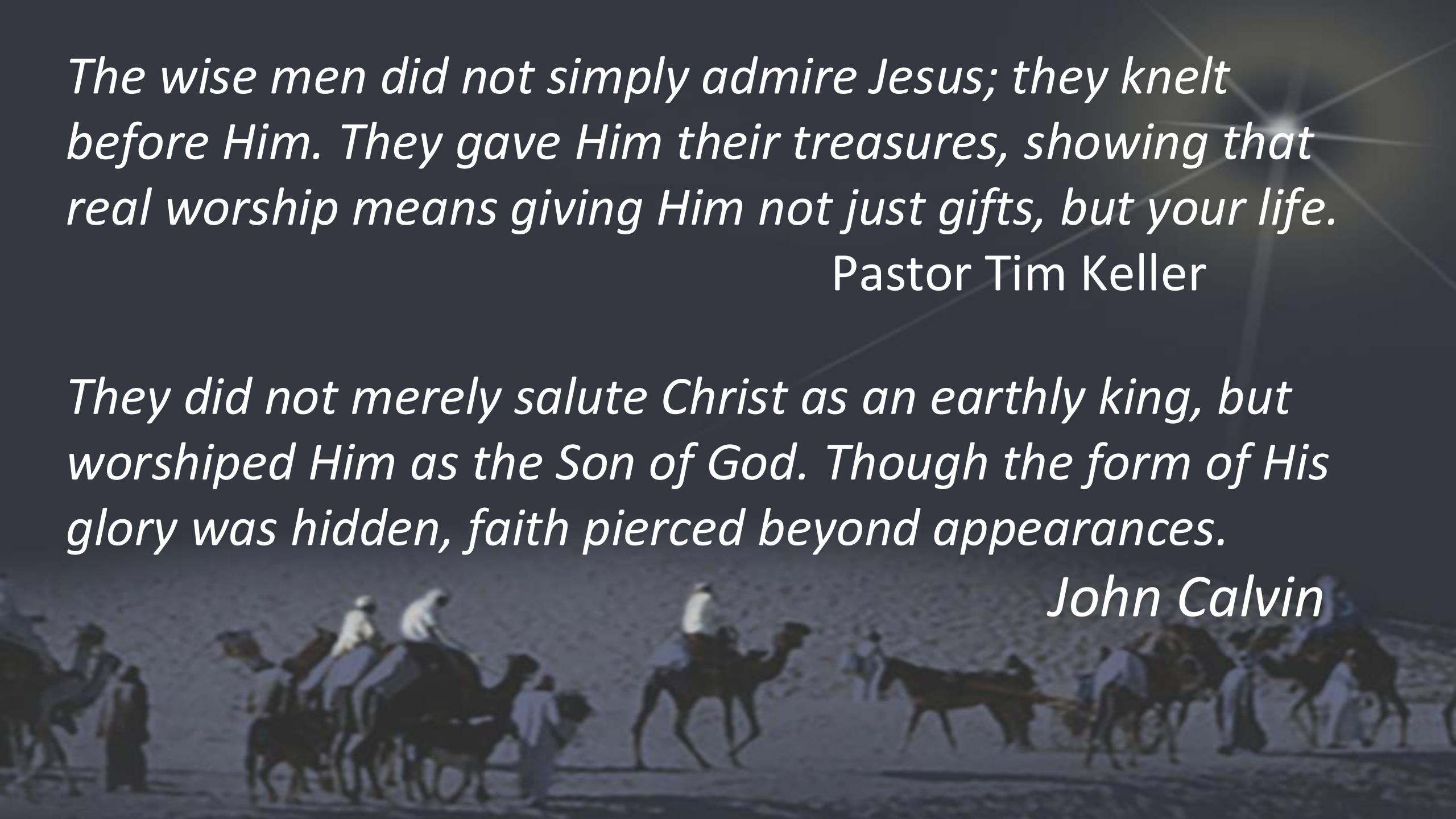


1st Century Crowns

A crown on a King symbolizes that they had a great deal of control, the authority to rule, tax, judge, and command loyalty.

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Matthew 2:3-6



The wise men did not simply admire Jesus; they knelt before Him. They gave Him their treasures, showing that real worship means giving Him not just gifts, but your life.

Pastor Tim Keller

They did not merely salute Christ as an earthly king, but worshiped Him as the Son of God. Though the form of His glory was hidden, faith pierced beyond appearances.

John Calvin

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:9-11



*And nations shall come to your light, and
kings to the brightness of your rising... the
wealth of the nations shall come to you. A
multitude of camels shall cover you, the young
camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from
Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and
frankincense, and shall bring good news, the
praises of the LORD.*

Isaiah 60:3-6



the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Revelation 4:10-11

What Crown Do You Need to Cast Down?

- *Ask the Lord to reveal to you where you are not trusting Him*
- *Pride and fear want you to be in control*
- *Humility and trust want Jesus to be in control*
- *Do not just think about it, do it*



- *How to give up control?*
- *Daily give up control, be specific, to His Control*
- *Daily give thanks to Him for being in control of your life*
- *Spend daily time in His Presence and love*

