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What I've Been Touched By Regarding Visions and Revelation

Over the past weeks, I've experienced the Lord's shining regarding my condition before Him. The Lord has used the examples of Joseph, Zechariah, Mary, the shepherds, the wise men, and John the Baptist to show how important our vision is— our vision affects how we respond to Him.

I feel most touched by the difference between the wise men and the priests and scribes. The wise men had a seeking heart and, when they saw the star and realized its significance, they risked all, even their lives, to seek out the Coming One. In contrast, the priests and scribes knew about the promised Messiah, even where he would be born, but they apparently had no idea that He had come, and made no attempt to welcome Him when they heard that He was born.

Through the Lord's shining, I realized that I could be just like the priests and scribes, knowing about Christ, but having an indifferent reaction to His arrival. At first, this doesn't seem possible, because I welcomed the Lord into my heart when I was twelve years old – I'm a Christian, right? But the question we've heard repeatedly during the past weeks is, "Do you really care?" Do I diligently seek Him each day? Do I realize Who He is? Am I willing to risk all to seek Him? Many times, my actions are more like the priests and scribes than like the wise men. So, my prayer has been, "Lord, thank You for extending Your mercy to me, that I could see my real condition. Grant us all a real seeking, a real caring, for only You!"

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