

Visions and Revelations

Message 7: The Wise Men and the Star (Part 2)

Now we come brothers, we come to the continuation of the previous message. On the wise man and the star. I somewhat had a feeling, we need to spend a little more time on the star. Number 1, most people read the bible consider, there's a star just shining. No. to those wise men, they see a new star. The star was never there before. But they see a bright star coming into being. Where the night is just about over. Day is just about to begin. So it's called morning star. But at that time they see a star, I think the wise men among them, the first discussing among them is "We never see this star." Where did it come from. Then secondly, their understanding is it must come from God. God has done something very special. Then where is God? To them it is very clear. If you want to know God, really have God, you've got to go to the Jews. Because their religion is the only religion that has the God, Himself. God was among them. God work among them. God manifested himself among them. God made all the arrangement of the godly life among them. That's a religion filled with substance. Now, to wise men, the star come, means what? Means, there's a new beginning. Of that religion. So he consider this must be a sign of a king born among the Jews. He was born to be a king of the Jews. This is a glorious thing. This is why they pursue all the time. In the beginning. Let me just read it to you in a simple way. It says that the wise men's lifelong searched peaked with the appearance of the star. It's a simple statement. They study astronomy. They study things on the earth. They study philosophy. They have a lot of knowledge on many things. Eventually, especially I'll say on the philosophy and on the study of life. Now they have a realization. Hey, a new star come. Look at that star, we never see it before. Why there's a star there?! Why is there a star? Because that is exactly John testified, the Word became flesh. When the Word became flesh, a flesh is a star. The particular star showed, manifested, manifested. So they realized, "Now we found out the real meaning of all our searches!" It's related to that star. So they began a long journey. Here I'll just read to you. Firstly, the appearing led them to the land of Judah because they know that only Judaism had the true God. If this star is manifest, never was in existence, now appeared, this new existence is from God. Then God must be related to the Jews because only they have the real God. And so now they, let's see that. When they saw this they say, "We look for the meaning of life. We consider, "What is the reason of our existence"? We consider why is there a earth and all the things on the earth and also we consider why, what is the universe. Seemingly to them the star came. This star never was into being. Something particular happened. A new star appeared in the heavens. This new star means the age is different. God's operation is different. This star is related to the meaning of life. Related to the meaning of human existence. Related to the meaning of the existence of all things on the globe. Related to even the meaning of the universe. Because there is a new star come into being. With this they somewhat have the understanding let's find him. Let's find him because now we realize a new age has come. Through the understanding of all of the sudden, out of nowhere a new star appeared in the heavens. So this appearing caused the wise

man to realize a new star was coming under the one born to be king. This must be a new king. A new ruling. Then this appearing produce a pursuing a long and treacherous path to find Jesus. We like to pay a price. Brother, let me say a word to you. We know too much. To a point we don't even know what is to pay a price. To us everything is provided. Some brother have to buy the land. Some brother have to build the hall. Some brother have to become rich. Some brother have to labor. So we have a church life, for what? So you, terrible! You can have a lord's day morning meeting. Isn't that a shame. Isn't that a shame. Do you realize what God desires? Not to know. Not to be happy. Not to say we have a good time. Not to say "Oh we have a good message". No. God desires people to say, "I see something, so I endeavor, I pursue, I pay a price, I labor hard, I'd like to break the pattern of my daily life. I'd like to break the American cultures of life. I'd like to live unto God. To find top of the Christ. A marvelous life began by those wise men's pursuing. Then, eventually, the star was before them. I like that brother. We shared that last time already. A heavenly vision so remote, but I see something. What I see controls my life. Affects my life. So what, according to the vision, I labor. According to the vision, I pursue. According to the vision, I pay a price. According to the vision, I see, let's go on! You know what's happened? The vision becomes more and more real to us. Formerly it's a vision. Now it becomes a substance. Formerly it's a vision, I see. Now becomes something that walks with me. So now eventually what happened? The star went before them. It's marvelous. You have to realize, it is not how many miles high a star there. That will never, that will only give you directions. But never that will never went before you. If a star can go before you, that must be very close to you. That must be not that high. It's the height you understand. You understand exactly where the star is going. You understand exactly where is the leading. So the star went before him which indicate that this vision become more and more of a reality to the pursuers, the wise men. I like this brother. Last time I shared. You mind I share again? You have a vision. If you don't have a vision how could you be in the church life? Let me ask you, the vision become more and more remote? Or the vision become more and more closer. If it's more and more distant, more and more remote, that means you see something, but you failed it. You didn't pay a price for the vision you see. But by the lord's mercy you see something and you have the vision and the vision is so near to you. Many Christians can tell you because they are faithful to the vision they see, the vision becomes closer. The vision becomes more clear. The vision becomes more realistic. The vision becomes more applicable. The vision becomes part of their life. The vision and them and their living and pursuing become one. This is exactly what's mentioned here. The star went before them because why? Because I pursued. This appearing also cause the wise men to produce the most appropriate offerings. Eventually they lead him to Jesus and the wise men offer the most appropriate. You can't believe. It should be from a Jew right? The Jews are waiting for the messiah. It should be from a priest right? It should be from scribes. It should be from Pharisees. It should be from those who are always in the bible. Always memorize verses. Always take this as a part of their living. Yet, now the lord says, No. No. I like to use gentiles. These gentiles because they're faithful, to the vision. Because the journey for the vision. Because they end up with seeing Jesus I'd like to give them revelations. You know what Jesus deserves?

What's worth for Jesus? Gold. Myrrh. And frankincense. Marvelous. He is God. Yet He must die. With all-include death. To terminate all the negative things. Then He is in resurrection to germinate all the positive things. This star was a God-man. God became man, that's why a star's there. Eventually, in resurrection, this star will become that morning star Lord Jesus declared and concluded that time. Concluded all the things and bring us to eternity. Marvelous.

Now, we come next. Do you realize, this is one star? Then Paul says, oh brothers, dear brothers, do you know, you are also a star. Paul was very clearly bold declare, sun has its glory, moon has its glory, the stars have their glories. Then he quickly said, hey hey hey, wait a minute, in the church life in Cleveland every brother is a star. Every brother has glory. But this one's glory is different with the glory of others. Based on, do you love the Lord more? Do you have Christ more? Do you enjoy Christ more? Do you enjoy Christ as more of your life? As your supply? As your strength? As your wisdom? As your empowerment? As your goal of life? As your daily living? If you do, there's a glory come up. You know how Lord desires this star and that star, this glory and that glory are different, but how the Lord desires you brother, you dear brother, you dear sister, can be a star that is saturated with Christ. Saturated with the life Christ. You have so much enjoyment, you have so much pursuing, you have so much time spent before the Lord, to a point, brother you know what's happen? You are a glory, glorious star. A star bears glory in the church life. Eventually the church can be a good testimony of the Lord.

More than that, you know, stars are man. In Genesis one. Then with Abraham stars are related to life, transmitting of life, continuation of life. And more than that, Jesus was the star. Shows you, God became man. There is a God-man. Am I right? Then Lord says, oh brother, you all receive Jesus Christ, you are God-mans. When you are God-men, one of the God-man. When you are one of the God-man, please, you must have glory. Brother, we cannot have a church life, meeting life, today as free as we desires. We like to come together, but Lord says stop. I think Lord may have some meaning in it. To tell you, you are so so very much meeting-oriented. You make the meeting, and you think that's everything. No. I don't want you to be a meeting-goer. I want you to be a man bears glory. If through this, we are not meeting together, but everyone says, because of this, I want to love the Lord more. I want to pursue more. I want to be with my companions through whatever the means more. I want to enjoy, partake of the riches of the church life more. Through whatever the means is. Eventually do you realize, Lord will gain more glory. Compared with we all come together listen to a message. I don't despise coming together. Christians must come together. But Lord with special government tell us, don't focus on meetings. Learn a lesson. Even when meeting will be consumed, I still want to be a good star, shining the glory of the Lord in the church life.

This will cause the next one. The Lord Jesus testified: I walk in the midst of the churches. And in my hand, there are seven stars. I hold seven stars. You know brother, not just one star of glory, you should become one of the seven stars uphold by the Lord. The Lord hold the seven stars in His hand. This is very very marvelous. You consider this. Brother, in the church life, we have

stars. We have stars with glory. But the Lord will say, I want to have something even more. I want to hold seven stars. These seven stars are the messengers. These seven stars are the messengers of the Lord. He said that, if I read to you. When Jesus lover who became stars begin to live for the church, they become the seven stars in the hands of the Lord. These seven stars, who are they? They are the messengers. Do you know what messengers mean? Usually we think about, what does messenger mean? From God tell us what you ought to do. God would tell you, don't be afraid, the virus not going to get you. We call that a messenger come. No. A real messenger means a mediator. I bring God to man. I bring man to God. When I operate in the church life, because my operating in the church life, the saints will have more God. Because the messenger bring Christ to man. Bring God to man. Bring the divine element, divine person to the saints in the church life. That's why, I'm a messenger in the local church. More than that, I bring the saints to the Lord. I know what their need. I bring them to Christ. Let Christ meet their need. I know how to pray for them. I know how to encourage them. I know how to share Christ to them. I know how to bring Christ to them and bring them to Christ. And more than that, these messengers are the church life operators. Did you realize, in every healthy church life, they need a group of operators, they initiate. They consider. They begin to consider need of the church, situation of the church, situation of the saints, the, how the Spirit is operating, leading. They are operators. Because of them, the church life can have vitalities. Who are we? We are routine, church-goers. You arrange Lord's Day morning. I come Lord's Day morning. You arrange prayer meeting, you have a time I'll make it. You are not operators. You are not a star, hold by the Lord in his right hand. With his exalting. With his strength. For make sure you can do and bless the church. Do you know the church, what Church in Cleveland need? Operators. With the gatherings, we need operators. With young people, we need operators. With college, we need operators. With gospel, we need operators. With pursuing the truth, we need operators. With even children, we need operators. All the aspects, all the ages, all the need. If the church life has rich, good, mature, faithful operators as the star holding by the land, hand of the Lord, the church life is very blessed. You walk in the church life, you walk right into the blessing. Actually, let me ask you, isn't the Lord desires to be with all the churches? Should all the churches be very rich with the presence of the Lord? Should all the churches should be very rich with the operation of Christ? But why? Many local churches you are with them, you had the real feeling, poor. Limited. Dry. Almost in famine. What's the reason? Short of operators. The Lord says, I'm holding the seven stars. These stars are the messengers. These stars also are the operators. A sister says, I have a need, the Lord says, don't worry. There are operators. A junior high says, I'm just a junior high, the Lord says, don't worry, I have operators. A brother really loves the Lord, I want to grow! Then Lord will say, don't worry, the operators will help you to grow. A brother says, I'm so bored. I'm so dead. The Lord will say, don't worry, there's a operator, bring you out of a boringness, bring you out of your death. Do you know how I can say the Church in Cleveland is blessed? Based on, do you have a lot of operators? Paul is an operator. But more than that, many brother who are operators, when these brother operate in the church life, the

whole church life become strong. These seven stars are messengers. These seven stars are operators. These seven stars are the overcomers.

What do you mean overcomers? Everybody make meeting, but I have a plus. Everybody loves the Lord, but I have a plus. Everybody read the Bible, but I have a plus. Everybody preach gospel, but I have a plus. Everybody try to be diligently shepherding the saints, but I have a plus. That's the overcomer. The overcome is not to overcome the saints' operations. "I'm so able. I can give all the messages!". You are not an overcomer. You are the killers of the church. Because you want to preach a message, that's it. Your preaching kills the church! An overcomer examples. You want to preach gospel? I preach gospel with you. You want to pursue the truth. I pursue the truth with you. You need love? I render you love, with the brothers I render you love to raise you up. You know brother? With overcomers as patterns, all the church is coming to an overcoming state. The church life will be so healthy and more than that.

Sorry, next point. The church life's nourishment, they are the life dispensers. You know many times in the church life, either you are dead, boring, or you are very senior. You have so many almost endless stories. 30 years ago what, 20 years ago what, and you can always give a message. When you give this message, when you say the first word, the next word saints know it already. Because you have given this message many times already. You know brother? The Lord says, "No". Who are the stars? The stars are life dispensers. You are with me, you have life. You read the Bible with me, you have life. You pray with me, you have life. You eat a dinner with me, you have life. You go preach gospel. I accompany you go preach gospel. There is a dispensing of life. Who are the overcomers here? They are the messengers, they are the operators, they are the overcomers, they are the nourisher, the nourishing ones. They are with nourishment dispense life, are more than they are shepherds. They are the head sheep. They walk ahead of all the sheep. All the sheep follow them to know the right place to have the proper rest. Now, you know, it is not easy. Some brothers are so desperate the whole church would get too busy. No rest. Some church, because the leading one, the star is so restful, peaceful, so the whole church sleep. They didn't get the proper field, they get a field for them to die. Brother, we need brothers to say, "We are the shepherd". When I look at the Church in Cleveland, how the saints in Cleveland need good shepherd. They are not saying, "Let me arrange this, let me do that". Rather they say, "I like to be with you. I like to be with you one, or a group". Or overall, "Let's follow the Lord. Let the lord lead through me. The whole flock, to the proper ground. I enjoy the proper feasting, I enjoy the proper nourishment, and also I enjoy the proper rest". And more than that they are the one having all the saints to shine out. They are the guide. Eventually their desire is simple. "I'm a star, shining, glowing". Brother, I want you to be a star, shining, glowing. I don't even care about the message I give. I don't even care how good this message is or since going. I look at every saint I have to say he should be shining, he should be glowing. I like to pay attention, pay a price, be with him, labor with him, pursue with him, eventually he can be raised up to be a star like me. Bless the church life. Hey, let me ask you brothers, how

many brother even have this thought? “My existence is not I could have a good time. My existence, the brother with me can grow up and develop and useful, eventually can all become blessings to the testimony of the Lord”. Do you see the secrets of society in the Bible? And more than that, eventually at the end, there are two things. One is Lord’s declaration, “I am the morning star”. Another is Peter’s, Peter’s declaration. Hey, he said, “Brothers, pay attention to the prophets, pay attention to the teachings, pay attention to the truth, pay attention to the Christ in the truth, in the prophet, pay attention to the Lord, pay attention to gain the Lord”. You know what is going to happen? When you daily pursuing Christ, pursuing the Bible, pursuing the truth, pursuing the riches, there is a star called the morning star. The morning star will rise up within you. To what extent that this star matches who Christ is. Christ declared, “I am the morning star, I’m the alpha, I’m the omega, I’m the beginning and the end. I’m the morning star. As the morning star, with Me night is gone. When I come out no more night, day is coming. When I come,” eventually at the end Lord says, “You know, after 6000 years, I’m the real morning star. The everything of the old creation disappeared, everything of darkness and night disappeared. Day is coming, eternity is coming”. I feel marvelous for this. I even pray Lord Jesus, “Come! Come!”. But Lord Jesus would ask the question, “I’m the morning star, where’s your star?”. You then say, “What do you mean by that, my star?”. He said, “Didn’t Peter tell you be careful about the truth, be careful about the life, be careful about Christ in the truth grow properly? For I am accomplishing everything, you should also make an effort, endeavor so there is a life growing in you”. There is two manifestation. Jesus said, “I am the morning star, now everything of old is gone. Day is coming, eternity is coming”. Then Christ says, “Praise the Lord”. This matches exactly what is in me. That’s why Peter says, “Here’s the day dawn, night is over, ‘til the day dawn. Morning star appears in you”. What a morning star, what a marvelous morning star! Christ in the heavenlies and the stars in us. Christ declare, “Everything is new, eternity is coming, and with it hallelujah! The substance with me is also manifested. This why you have to understand at the end of the Bible, the Holy Spirit, that’s Christ, and the bride, that’s us, we say it together, “Come!”. Why we can say it together, “Come”? Because Christ says, “I’ve done everything, I’ve operated all what I can”. So eventually now eternity comes to us. Yeah, I have a full enjoyment of Christ, with the maturity of Christ. I matches what Christ demands. So Spirit says, “Come”. I also says, “Come”. We are morning stars. In us we have this morning star manifested. When this morning star manifested is also Christ declared, “I’m the morning star”. So the Spirit and the bride, Christ and the church declare together, “Come”. Don’t you like this “come”? Don’t you like, if you do tell the Lord, “I want to be a star. I want to be a star with glory. I want to be a star holding in your hands and operate in the church life. I want to be the star really pursue Christ”. So eventually this star within us coming out brings in the day, brings in eternity, matches eternity. May Lord have mercy. I hope someone have a view, “Oh Lord, forgive me to be a star with no light, with no glory. Make me a star with glory, holding your hand, with my pursuing make me having a star even growing in me. Bearing your testimony to match your declaration. What a glorious life the Lord has given to us. We have mercy, may we

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tell the Lord, “Lord, I want to be such a star holding by you. I want to have a star growing in me, testify of you to match you in eternity”. I stop here, Lord be with us, amen.