

“...The king, convinced he could not elevate the maiden without crushing her freedom, resolved to descend to her. Clothed as a beggar, he approached her cottage with a worn cloak fluttering loose about him. This was not just a disguise – the king took on a totally new identity – He had renounced his throne to declare his love and to win hers.”

Soren Kierkegaard, *The King and the Maiden*

“The coming of Jesus Christ into this world represents a truth more profound than all of philosophy . . . HE CAME!”

C.S. Lewis

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Matthew 2:7-12 (NIV)

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:7-12 (NIV)

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:7-12 (NIV)

**The Savior
Has Come
to Direct Us**

Misdirection Can Derail Your Worship

Misdirection Can Derail Your Purpose

Misdirection Can Derail Your “_____”

**The Savior
Wants to Direct
Your Path**

The LORD directs the steps of the godly.
He delights in every detail of their lives.

Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

His path will save you from distraction,
discouragement, and disappointment.

Letting God Direct Your Path:

1. Stand On His Word: It Guides You Away From Destructive Decisions
2. Follow the Spirit: It Sees Past Your Plans
3. Pay Attention to Prophecy: It Prepares You for Alignment
4. Celebrate Your Providences: It Embraces Reality

**The Savior
Wants to Direct
Your Provision**

“Treasures”

Caskets of valuable goods.

“How you handle provision reveals volumes about your priorities, ties, loyalties and affections. In fact, it directly dictates many of the blessings you will (or won’t) experience in life.”

- Robert Morris, *The Blessed Life*