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"...for Gifts"

Matthew 2

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." ~ Matthew 2:11

"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need." ~ Acts 17:24-25 (NLT)

What do the gifts mean?

1. **The reason for Gold.**
   – Gold throughout the Bible is a symbol of royalty.
   – A gift fit for a King.
   – Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords!
   Isaiah 60:6 (NLT)
   – The promise of the Messiah is powerful in the book of Isaiah.

2. **The reason for frankincense.**
   – Shows that Jesus is worthy of worship.
   – Used in the Old Testament during ceremonies to worship God.
   – The Jewish people had a common use for frankincense that was directly connected to the worship of God.

"And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:" ~ Leviticus 2:1

3. **The reason for myrrh.**
   – Shows the mortality of Jesus.
   – Myrrh (a perfume) was used at burials to help prevent the smell of decay.
   – Jesus was born to die.

4. **The greatest gift we can give!**
   – Is our worship to the Lord.

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