Northwest Bible Church Dec. 28, 2008 Worship Service Alan Conner

**Three Responses to Christmas**

***Matthew 2:1-23***

Intro

**I. ADORATION: *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Wise Men***

A. Who were the magi?

B. How did they learn about baby Jesus?

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C. The supernatural "star."

D. Their visit to Jerusalem.

E. Worshipping the babe in Bethlehem.

1) their zeal -

2) their joy -

3) their worship -

4) their wonder -

5) their gifts -

**II. ANIMOSITY: *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Herod***

A. The reign of Herod the Great.

B. The political environment.

C. Herod -a serial murderer.

**III. APATHY: *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel***

A. Their response.

B. Why so apathetic?

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***Conclusion***