

## What Is God Like? (Part 1)- Worthy of Worship

*“This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world.” -John 6:14*

Will you be open to what God is truly like in 2018?

### The Three Wise Men and Two Kings

*“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’” -Matthew 2:1-2*

- God- value of all and love
- Herod- prejudice, power, and prestige

*“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” -Matthew 2:6*

- God- good shepherd who cares for the sheep
- Herod- slaughters and uses the sheep

*“Then Herod secretly called for the wise men... he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’” -Matthew 2:7-8*

- God- secure, good king, who brings the eternal kingdom of love
- Herod- insecure tyrant, who rules a paper kingdom of fear

*“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” -Matthew 2:11*

- God- worthy of gifts and worship, respect and allegiance
- Herod- not worthy of gifts, respect, and allegiance

**God is the Good King who is worthy of our gifts and worship.**

**The wise men were wise enough to worship and give worth God.**

### The Kingdom Is Near

- Will we be wise enough to truly worship God in 2018?
- How will you give worth to God in 2018?
- How will you use your time, talents, & treasures in 2018 to honor God?