NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Discussion Questions: November 15, 2026
God Is Great

Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:1-6

1. Verse 1 expresses deep comfort – that the anger of God can be turned away. Where in the Bible do we see God:
    a. Expressing anger at a group, and then turning it away?
    b. Expressing anger to an individual and then turning it away?

Sermon: Psalm 99

I. Worthy of Our Praise – Verses 1-3

1. Pastor Paul cautioned us against "domesticating God" as if He were a family pet.
    a. What did he mean. How might believers fall into this error?
    b. How can we avoid falling into this error?

2. God is in some ways approachable and accessible. That is one of the lessons of the incarnation, and of Hebrews 4:15-16 (which was referenced later in the sermon) and of Jesus' teaching that we can call God "Abba". How do we simultaneously maintain a proper sense of reverence and awe, and a confidence in God's approachability?

3. In what ways does the Thanksgiving holiday imply the existence of a good Creator?

4. Pastor Paul said that God's love for His people, and his kingship over his people, are deeply connected. Explain how they are connected. If possible, use a scriptural example.

5. If you have ever engaged in silent, holy worship, in which you were simply in awe of God, share the experience.

II. Worthy to be King – Verses 4-9

6. If there is a verse that "re-centers" you during times of stress and worry, as does Psalm 99 for Pastor Paul, share the verse.

7. Most Americans are thankful that we do not have to deal with a King. Why do Christians cheerfully acknowledge Jesus as King and look forward to when He fully assumes that role?

8. Moses, Aaron and Samuel interceded for their fellow Jews. If you have ever seen a change in circumstances or relationships, that you believe resulted from intercessory prayer, share your story.

9. How did the intercessors listed in verse 6 respond when God spoke to them? Can we draw a lesson from their example?

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to change any small, casual view of Him in your heart with genuine awe at His greatness and holiness.

- Ask the Lord to change you to be more like Him: that your speech, business dealings, and everyday relationships reflect the righteous justice of His kingdom.

1. Give one example of how being a Christian affects your day-to-day interactions with others.

- Pray with profound gratitude for Jesus Christ, who took our judgment upon Himself so that we can worship God in freedom and joy.

2. If you have expressed, to another person, your sense of gratitude to God, share your story.