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## SERMON OUTLINE

### OUR HOLY GOD

PSALM 99  
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Psalm 99 is a call to praise God by celebrating God's kingship over all his creation. The focus of the psalm is God's holiness, which we can see in verses 3, 5, and 9. God's holiness involves both moral purity and distinction from His creatures. God is holy in how He reigns, rules, and responds to His people.

"Holy," which in both Hebrew and Greek has the root meaning of separateness or being set-apart. It is used predominantly in Scripture

for separation from sin. But this is only a secondary meaning derived from the primary application of God's separateness from all creation.

I divided the psalm into three (3) divisions: 1) the holy God who reigns with great power; 2) the holy God who rules with righteousness; and 3) the holy God who responds to His people. God's reign implies His absolute power (v. 1a), His authority to rule (v. 1b), and His awesome name that is to be worshiped (vv. 2-3).

The Lord's ruling in righteousness implies the following: 1) He is holy in how He executes justice, therefore, His judgments are perfect; 2) He also knows what is in our hearts,

therefore, we cannot fool Him; 3) we can also run to Him because His judgments are right and just; and finally, 4) our rightful response to Him is worship. The Lord not only reigns with great power, He rules in righteousness, but He responds to His people by answering their prayers, protecting and guiding them, and forgiving His people.

God is holy. He cannot be compared to other "gods". He is without sin.

Let's be reminded that we have a holy God who reigns, rules, and responds to His people. Therefore, we must fear Him, worship Him, and live holy lives pleasing to Him. ✱

## 12 BASKETS OF CHRISTMAS

REV. MARK MAGANGAT

I believe you will agree with me that the best way to approach the end of the year is to "give thanks to the Lord!" We should express gratitude to God for all the ups and downs in our lives, for the joys and sorrows, and for everything in between. Whether you're in your 20s, early 30s, mid or late 30s, or whatever your age, it is always beneficial to pause and reflect on the things for which you are thankful to God. We should give thanks to the Lord for who He is to us. What better way to express our thanksgiving to God than through our 12 Baskets of Christmas offerings?

Every December, we have a special time to give back to the Lord through our 12 Baskets of Christmas offerings. This is our way of honoring Jesus as we commemorate His birth and express gratitude for all He has done for us, especially in the past year. As we look forward to this event (which has become a GCFSM tradition), let us pray about how much we can give, seeking God's guidance on honoring Him through our generosity.

On December 3, during our worship celebration, there will be 12 baskets, one for each month. Each basket is labeled with a

month representing the twelve months of the year. When it is time to give, drop your special offering into the basket that matches your birth month. For example, if you were born in January, your offering goes into the January basket. If your birthday is in February, find the basket labeled February, and so on.

If you forget to bring your offering on the day, no worries. Offering envelopes and pledge forms will be available at the entrance of the Worship Hall. If you cannot be with us in person, you can make a bank transfer. However, we highly encourage everyone to join us at GCF South Metro for corporate worship.

Allow me to give you four reasons we can give thanks to the Lord:

1. Give thanks to the Lord for His **Person**. We are to make sure that we are focused on the person of God. If we are to do something significant, it has to always be focused on who God is. Because if we lose focus on God, what we do will not be more significant. The best way to begin giving thanks to God is in the person of God.

2. Give thanks to the Lord for His **Presence**.

God is with us. We can be strong and brave because we know who is on our side. Every time there is pain, God is with us. Every time there is pressure, God is with us. God is with us in the middle of the pain, in the middle of the problem, and even in the middle of the pressure. He will see us through.

3. Give thanks to the Lord for His **Protection**.

God is not merely a God who says, "I can guide you"; He also declares, "I can guard you." Therefore, we place our trust in God's protection, especially during days of danger. Protection is the manifestation of God's presence in the midst of our problems.

4. Give thanks to the Lord for His **Power**.

The power of God is not merely an abstract force but a dynamic, omnipresent strength that actively operates in our lives. This power sustains us through challenges, offering resilience and guidance.

As we prepare to give back to the Lord through our 12 Baskets of Christmas offering, let us focus on giving thanks to Him for who He is to us and for what He has done in our lives. ✱

## PARSON TO PERSON

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Let us continue to be found faithful in our giving.  
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