

Made In The Image Of God

Proclamation Life Groups; Psalm 8:1-9; Week of Sunday, January 8, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: God, in His infinite wisdom, made mankind as the pinnacle of creation and endowed him with value. Therefore, as faithful followers of Christ, we cannot worship God while treating His supreme creation with contempt or hatred. Loving God requires respect and honor for those made in God's image.

I. VISION OF GOD – Read Psalm 8:1-9

- A. After reading through Psalm 8, what do you think are the main points of these verses?
- B. Who wrote Psalm 8? Do you have any thoughts on the context in which it was written?
- C. How do verses 1-2 give us a greater vision for who God is and what He's accomplished?
- D. Do any other passages of scripture come to mind regarding the glory of God in creation?

II. VISION OF MAN – Read Psalm 8:3-8

- A. How was man exalted when God created him? What things were placed under his feet? Are there any other passages that come to your mind? How is Genesis 1:28 helpful?
- B. How does Genesis 2:7 help us understand that our value has been given to us by God?
- C. The Bible says that God makes mankind in His own image; and yet, there is a developmental process. How does Psalm 139:13-16 help us understand how those details work together?
- D. Read Hebrews 2:5-9. How does Psalm 8 ultimately point forward to the Lord Jesus Christ?

III. VISION FOR PROCLAMATION – Application

- A. How does being made in the image of God impact the way that you think about human life?
- B. How does a vision of God and man impact your thinking about the social evils of abortion, racism, euthanasia, infanticide, and physician-assisted suicide? How about judgmentalism?
- C. What are ways in which we can promote alternatives and press for action in our society?
- D. Why must gospel proclamation be primary in all that we do as individuals and as a church?