

SELF IMAGE AND GOD'S IMAGE

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Consider the following outline to develop the purpose of Psalm 8

Thesis: A proper “self image” comes when you see yourself in relation to God.

I. Your God: exalted in creation! 1, 9

- A. Exalted through His covenant
- B. Exalted through His revelation of Himself
 - 1. He reveals His name.
 - 2. He reveals His glory.

II. You are God's lowly “infant.” 2

- A. You are an infant that cries out praise. 2a; Mt. 21:16
- B. You are an infant that silences enemies. 2b

III. You are God's special work. 3-5

- A. God's creation is marvelous. 3
- B. You are the crown of that creation. 4, 5; Ps. 139:14
 - 1. In spite of your smallness! 4a
 - 2. God's care is infinite. 4b
 - 3. You are only limited by the flesh. 5a
 - 4. Yours is a glorious office. 5b

IV. You are God's steward. 6-8

- A. Appointed to represent the Creator. Ge. 1:28
- B. Appointed to govern the creatures

You'll also want to develop the ideas of man's weakness & God's strength, God's “visiting” man, “lower than the angels,” “image,” & “dominion.” Cross ref's, illustrations, & direct, personal application will give your argument weight.