Created to Reign

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 8 is a beloved psalm of praise celebrating God's divine mandate to the prize jewel of His creation, Mankind.*

I. God's majesty is displayed in _____ (1-2).
Creation reveals God's existence and sovereignty (Romans 1:20).

II. Compared to God's majesty displayed in _____, Mankind appears _____ (3-4). *Considering the immensity of space, how can he not?!*

III. *Be encouraged*. Mankind is not _____! Mankind is God's _____ of creation, destined to _____ on the earth (5-9). *Mankind was and is God's plan to reign on the earth in His stead.*

A. Man was _____ to serve as God's *image-bearing* _____-_____. *Man is the Imago Dei.*

B. Man failed his _____ and does not currently _____ as God intended. *Man failed to exercise dominion and switched allegiance by sin.*

C. The *Son of Man* will restore Mankind's _____ upon His _____. *The "Last Adam" (Jesus) will do what the "First Adam" did not (1 Cor.15:45).*