

# God Designs His Self Exaltation

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**Scripture:** Isaiah 42:8, Psalm 16:11, Philippians 2:9, Psalm 73:25

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## Transcript

In order to love us, God must display to us for our own everlasting joy the fullness of His glory, which is why it's not a contradiction for God in all the designs of His love to be designing His self-exaltation. He is the only being in the universe for whom self-exaltation is the highest virtue and the most loving act. If you copy Him in this, you blaspheme.

You cannot exalt yourself and call it love because you're not worth it. But He exalts Himself and calls it love because He is worth it. He is the only treasure that will satisfy our souls.

Therefore, He's the one being that must be radically self-exalting as He is radically loving because they're the same.

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