

Psalms 45

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King Solomon's Wedding; Our wedding

At the scene of the wedding, I saw the king's gorgeous and fragrant clothes, and heard the joyful sound of silk instruments. Spiritually, when our Lord Jesus was born, the wise man offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and his life was full of fragrance. When he was buried, Nicodemus burned his holy body with a hundred pounds of myrrh agarwood. His death, burial, and resurrection were full of fragrance.

The psalmist describes the glory of the queen. After the queen dressed up, the wedding officially began, and the queen dressed in gorgeous costumes slowly walked into the palace surrounded by all the palace maids, what a sacred and glorious moment!

Princesses and queens of all nations, among the concubines were the daughters of kings; The queen wears gold ornaments and stands at your right hand. King Solomon was extremely extravagant, and there were many concubines. However, King Solomon's favor for foreign concubines eventually led to the ruin of the kingdom and became a ring for eternity. Here the psalmist finally focuses on the bride of the wedding, the queen, who wears Ophir gold ornaments and is extremely noble. This noble queen is a type of the holy and blameless bride whom the Lord Jesus will marry when He returns, that is, us, and the church of all the saints!

Now she is the king's bride, so "remember not thy people, nor thy father's house." Don't remember your past, don't embrace your old identity, now you are the bride of the King, and we are to give our lives to Him completely. All of us today belong to our King, and we are to devote our hearts to our King and worship Him. Let us not remember our past, but embrace our identity, for if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The bridegroom and bride are so beautiful that God and the Almighty reign. We are to rejoice and be glad, and give Him glory. For the time has come for the marriage of the Lamb; And the bride herself was prepared, and she was blessed to wear fine linen garments of bright and white white. John also saw a scene of great joy, and everyone rejoiced because the time had come for the marriage of the Lamb. And when he was married, he saw the heavens opened. There was a white horse, and he that sat on it was called faithful and true, and he judged and fought according to righteousness. He was a righteous King. (Revelation 19:11)

The king's countenance was "more beautiful than the world," and his countenance was incomparably handsome. His bearing is "full of kindness in his mouth", and his speech is wise and gentle; Dressed in military uniform, he has an extremely majestic image. The king has the "sword" at his waist, the "glorious" authority to command the army, and the "majesty" to intimidate the enemy. He is invincible and invincible, and if he drives a car, he can be "invincible" because he fights for "truth, humility, and righteousness," humbly trusting God to defend and manifest the righteousness and truth of God's kingdom.

The Lord Jesus is the King of righteousness, and He is more beautiful than the world, and no one can match him, because His attributes are all good. His mouth is gracious, and all that comes out of his mouth is gracious words. Every word is good for our lives, He is more beautiful than the world in every aspect, He is perfect, He is fully human, and He is fully God.

The king's arrows are swift and accurate, and all men are turned to him, and he is a wise king. This is the King we are waiting for! "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; Thy kingdom is upright. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; He is the Messiah, the anointed One, our Lord Jesus."

Let's pray together:

Lord, there is no one like you, holy and beautiful. Lord Jesus, thank you for humbling yourselves, becoming incarnate, and giving us a new chance to live out your beauty. Lord, what a glorious hope that you will come again to meet your bride, your church. May your church do your will and mission more and more in the last days, preparing ourselves to be holy and unbeaten-hearted brides to your please.

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Psalm 45

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

To the Chief Musician; set to the [tune of] "Lilies." A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A skillful song, or a didactic or reflective poem. A Song of Love.

45 ^[a]My heart overflows with a good theme;
I address my psalm to the King.
My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer.
2

You are fairer than the sons of men;
Graciousness is poured upon Your lips;
Therefore God has blessed You forever.

3

Strap Your sword on *Your* thigh, O mighty One,
In Your splendor and Your majesty!

4

And in Your majesty ride on triumphantly
For the cause of truth and humility and righteousness;
Let Your right hand guide You to awesome things.

5

Your arrows are sharp;
The peoples (nations) fall under You;
Your arrows pierce the hearts of the King's enemies.

6

^[b]Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

7

You have loved righteousness (virtue, morality, justice) and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, your God, has anointed You
Above Your companions with the oil of jubilation.

8

All Your garments are *fragrant with* myrrh, aloes *and* cassia;
From ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.

9

Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies;
At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

10

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear [to my instruction]:
Forget your people and your father's house;

11

Then the King will desire your beauty;
Because He is your Lord, bow down *and* honor Him.

12

The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift;
The rich among the people will seek your favor.

13

Glorious is the King's daughter within [the palace];
Her robe is interwoven with gold.

14

She will be brought to the King in embroidered garments;
The virgins, her companions who follow her,
Will be brought to You.

15

With gladness and rejoicing will they be led;
They will enter into the King's palace.

16

In place of your fathers will be ^[c]your sons;

You shall make princes in all the land.

17

I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the peoples will praise *and* give You thanks forever and ever.

Psalm 45 is a royal wedding song that combines praise for a king with a description of a royal marriage, and it is considered one of the **Messianic psalms** due to its deep symbolic connection to Christ and His Church. It is also categorized as a **wedding psalm** that celebrates the marriage of a king, likely a historical Jewish king, but also prophetically pointing to the union between Christ (the King) and the Church (His Bride).

Psalm 45 is a beautiful, poetic expression of love, faithfulness, and royal glory. It holds a significant place in Scripture, both in its original context and in its application to the life and reign of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 45: Overview & Structure

The psalm can be divided into three main sections:

1. **The King's Splendor (Verses 1–9):** A description of the king's attributes, his rule, and his character.
2. **The Queen's Call (Verses 10–17):** A call to the bride (the queen) to leave her former life and join the king in a royal union.
3. **The King's Eternal Kingdom (Verse 18):** A blessing for the king and his descendants, emphasizing the eternal nature of his reign.

1. The King's Splendor (Psalm 45:1–9)

- **Psalm 45:1–2:**

"My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever."

The psalm begins with the psalmist expressing his deep joy and inspiration in writing about the king. The "noble theme" refers to the praise of the king, and the psalmist acknowledges that the king is divinely chosen, with "lips anointed with grace," which symbolizes his divine wisdom and eloquence.

- **Psalm 45:3–7:**

"Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility, and justice; let your right hand display awesome deeds. Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath your feet. Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

These verses describe the king as a mighty warrior who rides forth in victory, bringing justice, truth, and humility. The king is presented as one who has authority and power, yet his rule is marked by

righteousness. The phrase "Your throne, O God, will last forever" is a pivotal Messianic verse, pointing beyond the historical king to Christ, whose kingdom is eternal.

- **Psalm 45:8–9:**

"All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory, the music of the strings makes you glad. Daughters of kings are among your honored women; at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir."

The king's royal attire, fragrant with spices, is symbolic of his glory and honor. The mention of "the royal bride" emphasizes the union between the king and his bride, who are to be honored together. This points forward to Christ, who is glorified in His relationship with the Church.

2. The Queen's Call (Psalm 45:10–17)

- **Psalm 45:10–11:**

"Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention: Forget your people and your father's house. Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord."

In these verses, the queen (the bride) is called to leave her former life and embrace her new identity in relation to the king. The "father's house" symbolizes her former way of life, and she is urged to honor the king as her lord. Spiritually, this represents the Church leaving behind its old ways to follow Christ fully and honor Him as Lord.

- **Psalm 45:12–13:**

"The city of Tyre will come with a gift, people of wealth will seek your favor. All glorious is the princess within her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold."

These verses describe the queen's royal status and beauty, symbolizing the honor and respect the Church receives as the Bride of Christ. Tyre was a wealthy city, and its people bringing gifts suggests the nations coming to honor the King (Christ) and His bride (the Church). The queen's golden gown represents the Church's holiness and purity.

- **Psalm 45:14–15:**

"In embroidered garments she is led to the king; her virgin companions follow her—those brought to be with her. Let them be led in with joy and gladness; they enter the palace of the king."

These verses portray the joy of the bride as she is brought to the king. The "virgin companions" could represent the faithful followers of Christ, entering into the kingdom with joy, symbolizing the Church's holiness, purity, and communal worship.

- **Psalm 45:16–17:**

"Your sons will take the place of your ancestors; you will make them princes throughout the land. I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The king's descendants are promised to inherit the throne, symbolizing the eternal nature of Christ's kingdom. The "sons" represent those who will come to faith through the king's (Christ's) reign, and they

will be honored as princes. This points to the Church's eternal legacy, where believers will rule with Christ in His everlasting kingdom.

3. The King's Eternal Kingdom (Psalm 45:18)

- **Psalm 45:18:**

"I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The closing verse emphasizes the eternal nature of the king's reign and the continued praise He will receive from all generations. This is ultimately fulfilled in Christ, whose kingdom will last forever and whose name will be praised by people from every nation.

Important Verses and Their Spiritual Significance

- **Psalm 45:6:** *"Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."*
 - This is one of the most important verses in the psalm. It is often cited as a Messianic prophecy, referring to Christ's eternal reign. It acknowledges the deity of the king (Christ), and His rule is characterized by justice, righteousness, and truth.
 - **Psalm 45:11:** *"Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord."*
 - This speaks to the Church's call to honor Christ as Lord, leaving behind the world to be captivated by His beauty and grace. It highlights the Church's devotion and submission to Christ.
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Spiritual Influence of Psalm 45

1. Christ and the Church as the Royal Couple:

- Psalm 45 illustrates the profound relationship between Christ and His Church. Christ is portrayed as the glorious, righteous King, while the Church is His Bride. This relationship is one of love, loyalty, and devotion, where Christ's beauty and holiness captivate the heart of the Church.

2. The Eternal Reign of Christ:

- The reference to the king's eternal throne in Psalm 45:6 reminds Christians that Christ's kingdom is everlasting. His rule is not temporary or earthly but spiritual and eternal. This assures believers that the hope they have in Christ is not fleeting, but anchored in His eternal reign.

3. Holiness and Purity of the Church:

- The queen's beauty and purity in the psalm serve as a model for the Church. As the Bride of Christ, the Church is called to be pure, holy, and devoted to her King. Christians are

reminded to live lives that reflect the holiness of their Bridegroom, adorned in righteousness and good works.

4. Christ's Justice and Rule:

- The emphasis on Christ's just rule encourages believers to trust in His governance over all aspects of life. It reassures Christians that, even in a world filled with injustice, Christ's kingdom is one of righteousness and peace.

5. Eternal Legacy:

- Psalm 45 closes with a reminder that Christ's legacy is eternal and that the Church will be part of His eternal reign. This inspires Christians to live with an eternal perspective, knowing that their service to Christ will have lasting significance in His kingdom.

Conclusion

Psalm 45 is a rich, prophetic psalm that paints a vivid picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church. It calls believers to honor Christ as the eternal King, emphasizes the purity and devotion required of the Church, and promises an eternal kingdom where justice and peace will reign. The spiritual influence of Psalm 45 is profound, offering hope, encouragement, and a vision of the glorious future believers share with Christ as His Bride.