

PSALM 45:1-17

LESSON: THE KING'S ETERNAL THRONE —May 31, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

This is a poem to the king (possibly Solomon) on the occasion of his wedding. And it is also a prophecy about Christ and His bride, the church, who will praise Him throughout all generations. This is called a "Messianic" psalm because it prophetically describes the Messiah's future relationship to the church, His body of believers. David wrote the majority of the Book of Psalms, but the author of this Psalm is conveyed to be unknown, while some say, the Sons of Korah (Temple assistants), describing a song of love.

I. THE WRITER PSALM 45:1

45:1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. The psalmist says his heart is overflowing; just bubbling over with a good thought; a tribute or poem that so touched him about the king. He is so overwhelmed that his tongue has become a ready writer willing to write about the things that had embraced him so. I know the feeling that when God speaks something in a message, I write it down, and am ready to tell others. The Spirit of God is our writer giving us the tongue of the learned and making our tongue the pen of a ready writer.

II. THE KING PSALM 45:2-9

45:2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. The psalmist says to the king that he is fairer (*excellent and handsome*) than the children (sons) of men. On the occasion of the king's wedding, he is to look his best. He stands in a most honorable and upright position, and his words that flowed from his lips were gracious; His lips were anointed with grace. Jesus is the source of all grace. Therefore, the psalmist knows that God has eternally blessed him forever. The words that Solomon said to his bride in chapter 4:1 in Song of Solomon: "*Behold, thou art fair, behold thou art fair...*" We have to remember the King and the Shepherd are one and the same. The relationship described between Solomon and the Shulamite pictures to us the love between Christ and His bride, and when Jesus returns and takes His people to heaven, the bride will become His wife.

45:3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. The king was to strap on his sword by binding it upon his thigh as part of his armor, uniform or formal attire. He's embodied with glory and majesty as the mighty king with power, might, and arrayed with ability.

45:4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of on truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. This verse reminds me of the song "*Ride On King Jesus.*" Revelation 6:2 says, "*And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*" The psalmist is saying thy majesty ride prosperously (*victoriously, triumphantly, successfully*) for the sake of truth, humility, and justice, for His right hand (*the hand of power*) is to teach (*show how, achieve, and perform*) awesome things.

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45:5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

The power of the king's hands hold, and let loose sharp arrows aimed at and they penetrate through the heart of his enemies, where they are subdued and fall prostrate at his feet. Just as Hebrews 4:12 says *"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* The Word of God penetrates like arrows swiftly to bring truth to the heart, to humble the sinner as he falls at the feet of Jesus.

45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

This verse is stated in Hebrews 1:8—*"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."* **"Throne"** and **"scepter"** are known for authority. Jesus Christ is God, the Sovereign Majesty; the King who sits upon His throne; and the scepter of His kingdom is an upright authority forever and ever over all.

45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

This verse is stated in Hebrews 1:9, *"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."* We see Jesus Christ has been anointed with the oil of gladness above all fellows, meaning companions or associates. God has anointed the *"Anointed One"* above all human companions. He loves righteousness; He hates iniquity, therefore, we must look to Jesus Christ for righteousness.

45:8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Three scents or smells were mentioned about the king's garments (including wedding attire):

1. *Myrrh*—an aromatic gum resin of brownish color used to perfume beds and clothing. The anointing oil of the priests contained myrrh (Ex.30:23). Myrrh was valuable and was included in the gifts brought to Jesus by the Magi (Matt.2:11). Mixed with wine it was offered to Jesus on the cross (Mk.15:23), and later was used to anoint His body (John 19:39).
2. *Aloes*—in the Old Testament referred to eaglewood, a large tree with a fragrant oily incense. In the New Testament Nicodemus brought aloes to anoint the body of Jesus (John 19:39).
3. *Cassia*—in Ezekiel 29:19 referred to an aromatic wood which was one of the ingredients of the anointing oil (Ex.30:24).

"Myrrh and Aloes" were the mixture mentioned in John 19:39 as a mixture brought by Nicodemus to the tomb to wrap Jesus in linen clothes along with the spices as the manner of the Jews did in burial. Just as Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness, He was also buried with the fragrance of spices. With such joy, the King Solomon comes out of his ivory palaces. The first mention of ivory in the bible occurs when it was imported into Palestine by Solomon (1Kg.10:22; 2Chr.9:21). It was a mark of wealth for King Solomon's reign. And this lets us know that the king was in a glad; happy, and joyous mood. And some translations mention stringed instruments brought gladness.

45:9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

We already know from verse 8 that the king was glad, smelling good, and ready as the marriage scene begins to unfold. The daughters of kings made up the bride's entourage, depicted as honorable (*precious*) women. Spiritually every woman believer is a king's daughter and a member of the royal family of heaven. And the queen (*the bride*) stood upon his right hand (*a place of honor*), gloriously arrayed in gold of Ophir. And spiritually the bride would be Christ's church.



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"Ophir" is possibly located in southwestern Arabia or in India, seemingly known for its high quality gold. 1st Kings 9:28 says "And they came to Ophir and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon." Gold was symbolic of the wealth he acquired.

III. THE KING'S BRIDE PSALM 45:10-15

45:10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;— The bride is introduced in verse 9 as the "queen" and here she is addressed as "daughter." She is to consider and incline her ear. She is also advised to forget her own people and her father's house, that is, break all relationships, separating herself from all that she has known as far as her loyalty and counsel is concerned as a daughter. Being the bride of Christ, even our relationship must change. We are to reflect and turn our ear toward Jesus our King as far as our loyalty and counsel is concerned. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." We are to solely submit to Christ.

45:11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. By forgetting her own people and her father's house, the king shall greatly desire her beauty (inner beauty); fall in love with her, for he will surely be her lord, and she shall worship (adore and honor) him. When we look at Jesus as our King and Lord and make Him priority, He looks at our inner beauty reverencing and worshipping Him. 1 Peter 3a says "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment... 4a Rather, it should be that of your inner self. 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear" (NIV).

45:12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. "Tyre" is an ancient Phoenician seaport city, famous for wealth. In the Old Testament, David and Solomon had friendly alliances with Tyre. (TLB) says "The people of Tyre, the richest people of our day will shower you with gifts and entreat your favors." Therefore, "the daughter of Tyre" means the people of Tyre will be there with a gift. This shows that even the richest people shall petition or request the king's favor.

45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. As the king's daughter (bride) has prepared herself for the king, she is all glorious within, and her clothing is fashioned and woven with gold. Spiritually the king's daughter is depicted as the church and is glorious within. The beauty of the redeemed is not an external beauty only, but an internal beauty as well

45:14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. Now, when the bride is brought before the king, her apparel is described as interwoven with gold needlework and embroidered tapestry. Her companions (the virgins; maiden escorts) that followed will also be brought to him. He king.

45:15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace. The bride and her entourage are brought to, and will enter the king's palace brimming with gladness and rejoicing as you would observe the bridal procession entering in. This is a festive occasion. Believers in Christ as they enter the temple or sanctuary of God "make a joyful noise; serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. They enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise."

IV. THE KING'S CHILDREN PSALM 45:16-17

45:16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

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The children, meaning sons the king and queen will have due to the marriage of will result in princes. Therefore, they will take the place of their fathers by becoming princes in all the earth (land). As children of the living King we are small kings: King of kings taking our rightful place in all the earth.

45:17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever. The children's name (the royal name) will continually be known and remembered in all generations, for the king will make their name remembered. How is that? Because the king has dominion and the promise of God is forever! Thus, the people in celebration will praise them forever and ever for a descendant will be on the throne. Jesus has a name above every name and it will never be forgotten, and His throne is forever!

SUMMARY:

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2The king's appearance is described as fairer (*excellent and handsome*) than the children (sons) of men; 3 embodied with might, power, and ability; arrayed with glory and majesty; strapped with his sword on his side as part of his armor, uniform or formal attire. 4Because of truth, meekness and righteousness he rides victoriously in his splendor. His right hand will teach wonderful exploits. 5The power of the king's hands hold, and let loose sharp arrows aimed at, and penetrate through the heart of his enemies, where they are subdued and fall at his feet. 6The king's throne and scepter are forever and ever. 7The king loves righteousness and hates wickedness, therefore, God has anointed him with the oil of gladness above his companions. 8 All his garments were scented of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they had made him glad. 9The king's daughters made up the bride's entourage, for they are depicted as honorable (*precious*) women. And the queen (*the bride*) stood upon the king's right hand (*a place of honor*) gloriously arrayed in gold of Ophir (45:2-9).

10The bride is advised as a daughter to forget her own people; her father's house, that is, break all relationships, separate herself from all that she has known, 11 then the king will greatly desire her beauty: for he is her Lord; and the one to worship. 12The daughter of Tyre will bring a gift. This shows that even the richest among the people shall petition or request the king's favor. 13The king's daughter was all glorious and beautiful inside, and her clothing was fashioned and woven with gold. 14When brought before the king, her apparel is interwoven with gold of needlework and embroidered tapestry. Her companions (the virgins; maiden escorts) that followed will also be brought to the king. 15As they enter the king's palace they bring with them gladness and rejoicing (45:10-15).

16The children, meaning sons the king and queen will have due to the marriage of will result in princes. Therefore, they will take the place of their fathers by becoming princes in all the earth (land). 17The children's name will be continually known and remembered in all generations, for it will be made by the king, thus the people will praise them forever and ever (45:16-17).

