

PSALM 45 – THE MESSIAH AND HIS BRIDE

Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 45** – has been called “A Royal Wedding Song,” “The Celebration of the Marriage of a King,” and “A Wedding Benediction” among other descriptions
- 2) Both Jewish and Christian scholars have interpreted it as dealing with King Messiah and his Bride, the Church
- 3) There is a familiar imagery of God married to His people (Hos. 2:19-20; Jer. 3:14)
- 4) This psalm describes a very special occasion involving very special participants

I) **Introduction – A Joyous Proclamation (v. 1)**

- A) The writer, who is of the sons of Korah, has an overflowing heart about things concerning the king, and his tongue is a “pen of a ready writer” [skilled scribe]
 - 1) Full of joy as he speaks words of divine inspiration

II) **Address to the King (vv. 2-9)**

- A) *The King’s great beauty and character* (v. 2)
 - 1) Blessed for inner and outer excellence
- B) *The King’s skill in battle* (vv. 3-5)
 - 1) Fights for the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness
- C) *The King’s justice in ruling* (vv. 6-7)
 - 1) Anointed to rule because He loves righteousness and hates wickedness (cf. Acts 17:31)
 - 2) Applied to Jesus as having a superior position and role than the angels (Heb. 1:7-9)
- D) *The King’s excelling glory* (vv. 8-9)
 - 1) Displayed in his garments, palaces, and royal court; the bridegroom is ready! (cf. Jn. 3:29)

III) **Address to the Bride (vv. 10-15)**

- A) The Bride is encouraged to marry the King, leaving the past behind, submitting to His leadership, and enjoying honor and blessing (vv. 10-12)
- B) The royal daughter is clothed for her wedding and led to the King with her companions; will enter the King’s palace with gladness and rejoicing (vv. 13-15)
- C) Fulfilled in the new spiritual Israel, the Messiah’s Church (Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:9)

IV) **Conclusion – A Glorious Future (vv. 16-17)**

- A) Fruitfulness, power, remembrance, and praise forever and ever! (1 Pet. 2:9-10)

Conclusion

A beautiful psalm about our perfect King who is God the Son who wishes to be spiritually joined to His people. We are privileged to be His “bride” to submit to His authority and enjoy His blessings now and forevermore. Are you a part of the Bride, the church of Christ?