

Enthralled in the Worship of the King

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Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

²You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

⁴In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,

¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

¹³All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

¹⁵With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Source: [Psalm 45 ESV - Your Throne, O God, Is Forever - To the - Bible Gateway](#)

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1) Psalm 45 doesn't fall into the usual categories of psalms; it's unique. What did you find unusual about it?
- 2) As Psalm 45 is about a wedding, Chris raised in the sermon the topic of marriage.
 - a) What are some of the purposes for which God created marriage?
 - b) Why did Chris say marriage is only a "provisional good"?
- 3) As Psalm 45 is about a king, Chris raised in the sermon the topic of government.
 - a) How is government a good thing? When can it be a bad thing?
 - b) Chris said that the inclusion of this psalm in the Psalter may indicate that there is a place for patriotism in the Christian life. Do you agree?
 - c) Chris also mentioned some caveats or limitations to patriotism. In what ways might Christians' patriotism have a negative impact on our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 4) Read Hebrews 1:1-9. How does it help us interpret Psalm 45?
- 5) As the psalm prefigures the relationship of Christ and the Church, we are in the position of the bride. In verse 10, the psalmist calls the bride to "forget your people and your father's house." It is a call to let go of things that are not aligned with the king.
 - a) What sorts of things do we as a church need to let go of so as to worship the Lord more fully?
 - b) What do you personally need to let go of so as to worship the Lord more fully?