

## Enamored with the King

Psalm 45: 1-6

Our text comes from another psalm of uncertain origin. While it is impossible to agree upon the original writer, this psalm is widely accepted as a nuptial hymn. It is believed to have been written about one of David's descendants, as a song for the wedding of the king. Some believe it was written regarding the wise and influential Solomon. Others believe it was written concerning the godly and devoted Hezekiah. While we cannot know for sure, either of these seem plausible and fit the narrative.

While this psalm could be viewed from that perspective alone, doing so would be a great injustice to the text. Hundreds of years later, another King would arrive on the scene, capturing the hearts and devotion of mankind. The influence of this King remains, long after His death. This is in fact a Messianic psalm, pointing to the coming of Christ as Savior and Redeemer of mankind. There can be no doubt this psalm pointed to Christ. Verses six and seven are quoted by the Hebrew writer, speaking of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, [Hebrews 1:8-9](#).

It is through the lens of Christ that I hope to approach this passage today. As we examine the [attributes](#) revealed in the text, I want to consider: [Enamored with the King](#). I hope this will increase our devotion and commitment to Christ our Lord.

**I. The Passion for the King** (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](#). It is easy to sense the passion of the writer regarding his love for the king, having received the task of composing a song for the wedding. Notice:

**A. The Inspiration** (1a) – [My heart is inditing a good matter](#). This is an interesting phrase. It reveals the overwhelming love the writer had for the king. His heart was literally consumed with the king. He too was smitten by him. The phrase "inditing a good matter" has the idea of overflowing, literally gushing forth. When he wrote or spoke of his heart, it overflowed with love and committed passion for the king.

- Isn't that a beautiful thought? The poetry in this passage is so rich and compelling. Just like a bride, being passionate about her groom, our hearts should be gushing forth the praises and love for our Lord, our Savior, and King. He is the Bridegroom of the church. Our love and commitment to Him should motivate and inspire our thoughts and deeds!

**B. The Compulsion** (1b) – *I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.* As the psalmist began to write the words to this song of worship, the words flowed with ease. His love and commitment to the king flowed from his heart, compelling the words his pen put to the parchment. He wrote of one he knew and loved dearly. His relationship with the king served as inspiration for the song, and the words flowed from the heart.

- Again, what a beautiful picture we see. Those who know Christ in the free pardon of sin, being saved by His grace, enjoy a personal, intimate relationship with Him. That relationship should motivate our tongues to praise and compel us to live lives that honor our King!

**II. The Praise of the King** (2) – *Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.* The psalmist wrote of his praise for the king. He spoke of:

**A. His Beauty** (2a) – *Thou art fairer than the children of men.* In the mind of the writer, none compared to the beauty of the king. He was the fairest among men, fairer than all others. He was rivaled by none in his countenance. The king was noted by all for his handsome appeal.

- When we consider our King, I realize that He was not a man most would have recognized. In fact, Isaiah declared – *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.* He was abused on the cross as He bore our sin. He was so beaten that those who knew Him would not have recognized Him. However, Solomon declared Him the fairest of ten thousand. There are none who compare to the beauty and majesty of our Lord. He may have been despised and rejected of men, but none compare to the beauty of my Lord and King!

**B. His Purity** (2b) – *grace is poured into thy lips.* The psalmist was also aware of the grace and wisdom with which the king spoke. His words were filled with grace, coming forth from his lips. All who knew him recognized the purity and grace with which he spoke.

- Take a moment to consider the grace from the lips of the King of kings. Many times, He astounded those who heard Him. They declared that man had never spoken as this man. I was reminded of His conversation with the woman taken in adultery. While He warned her to go and sin no more, He also spoke with love and compassion. He offered grace to Peter following His denial. When I was lost in sin, He came with words of grace and compassion, revealing His great love for me! He will deal with those who deny His provision for salvation, but He speaks grace to all who respond in repentance and faith! *John 1:14 – And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

**C. His Deity (2c)** – *therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.* Likely the psalmist spoke of an earthly kingdom, recognizing God's hand of provision on the king. He was aware that God had blessed this man, providing a throne from which to reign. These were the descendants of David, and God had promised to establish his throne forever.

- Having the benefit of the New Testament, we know God kept His word. Christ came to earth, born of the lineage of David. He was crucified and buried, and yet He rose again in resurrection life. Christ ascended back to the right hand of the Father, seated on His eternal throne. Our King reigns, today and forever! He reigned in eternity past and He will reign throughout eternity.

**III. The Preeminence of the King (3-6)** – The psalmist also recognized the preeminence of the king. He reigned upon the throne, king of the people. Consider:

**A. His Glory (3)** – *Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.* None compared to the king's power and might. He ruled with glory and majesty. He was recognized for the position he held, a place of power and honor.

- I am reminded that we serve the King of glory, King of kings and Lord of lords. He is glorious and mighty. All do not submit to Him, but they are unable to challenge or rival His power. He alone is Lord. He has subdued all things under His feet. He will return again in power and great glory, to establish His kingdom and deal with the forces of evil. We have nothing to fear; we serve the King of glory! *Rev.19:11-16 – And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.* <sup>[12]</sup> *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.* <sup>[13]</sup> *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.* <sup>[14]</sup> *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.* <sup>[15]</sup> *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.* <sup>[16]</sup> *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

**B. His Majesty (4-5)** – *And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.* <sup>[5]</sup> *Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.* As God's hand prospered the king, he would go forth in battle and come forth triumphant. He would enjoy prosperity as he ruled in righteousness, having the hand of God on his side. His enemies would fall at his feet. None would defeat the king who reigned in righteousness.

- Our Lord came as a humble babe, the servant of men. He was despised, rejected, and crucified by those who hated Him. As the scornful looked upon Calvary, they must've thought He hung in defeat. However, three days later He would rise triumphant. Death could not hold the King of glory. He rose to die no more. He ascended to the Father where He now reigns in righteousness. When He returns in power and great glory, His enemies will be powerless before Him. His word is truth and righteous judgment abides in Him.

**C. His Sovereignty** (6) – *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.* The psalmist again spoke of the eternal promise to the throne of David. This kingdom was not established by man, and humanity would be unable to defeat it apart from God's sovereign will. The Lord stood with Israel, keeping her safe in His care. This brought comfort and rejoicing to the psalmist and all who dwelt within the safety of God.

- Satan began his futile attempt to prevent Christ from redeeming our sin and providing our salvation in the Garden of Eden. Down through the ages, he attempted to destroy the bloodline that would deliver the Christ. He tempted the Lord, in an effort to derail His plan for redemption. Jesus was attacked in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to Calvary. Satan tried to prevent the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, but he was defeated as Christ finished the work of redemption. He is a defeated foe, along with all who subscribe to his sinful ways. The throne of Christ is forever settled in heaven. No force of man or hell can overthrow or thwart His power. Christ will rule and reign throughout eternity. We serve the Sovereign of the Ages. *Phil.2:9-11 – Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>[10]</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>[11]</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Conclusion:** I have enjoyed our time in this passage, but we haven't even scratched the surface of the deity and sovereignty of Christ. He rose again from the dead, living forevermore to rule and reign throughout eternity. I am thankful to know Him as my Lord, Savior, and King. The saved by grace are secure in His care and have nothing to fear. Do you have a personal relationship with the King of Glory? If so, rejoice for the provision you have received. If not, I urge you to come in repentance and faith. Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Him Lord!