

Psalms 045 Commentary

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.

Ps 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. 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. 4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. 5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. 6 ¶ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre."

It is most amazing when God reveals to us, how much God revealed to king David, about the future coming of the Messiah, the bridegroom, and the future revelation of the New Testament Church, the bride of Christ, which we believe this Psalm is speaking of prophetically. Let's look at some of these attributes of Jesus as described by king David:

King David in these verses is telling us of the majesty of the Bridegroom, and in so doing he tells us: **"My heart is inditing a good matter:"** The good matter is the prophetic picture of the coming of the Messiah to receive His ready bride. **"my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."** Tells us that David is filled with the Holy Spirit and He has seen revelations of God that he must proclaim.

"I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:" Obviously, this is speaking of God who is king over Israel, and King over David himself. **"Things which I have made touching the king"** are speaking of the prophecies he is making, of the revelation of Jesus to king David, seen in **Re 17:14 ¶ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."**

This is another Maschil Psalm which is teaching us of a song of loves. King David lists here nine different descriptive attributes of the Bridegroom, as follows:

- **"Thou art fairer than the children of men:"** There is no human that can begin to compare to the beauty of Jesus Christ. Why? We are all the byproducts of fallen in sin mankind, whereas Jesus was born of woman, but seed of the Holy God. No human has ever led a sinless life as Jesus did. No living human has been seen in a glorified state as Jesus was. No man has resurrected himself from the dead as Jesus did. No person has suffered the torments of hell, as Jesus did, because his love was so great, that He laid down His life for His friends. No person has descended from the eternal heaven and ascended back to the eternal heaven, to sit upon the throne of God the Father, at His right hand. Jesus is indeed the beauty of Holiness and perfection.
- **"grace is poured into thy lips:"** It was grace that spoke from the lips of Jesus the eternal redemption of all of God's people from their sins. Even those who were sent to bring him to the council said of him in **Joh 7:46 "The officers answered, Never man spake like this man."** Remember how Jesus taught the people the true spirit of the law? Not the convoluted perversion of the scribes and Pharisees, who Jesus continuously rebuked for their unbelief. Were ever greater words of grace uttered upon earth than the words of Jesus on the cross, when He said in **Joh 19:30 "he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."** What was finished? The work of the eternal redemption of the sins of all of God's people.
- **"God hath blessed thee forever."** Forever means time out of mind, whether past, present or future. No person in a body of flesh has ever lived and been blessed forever, except Jesus. Remember, before the world was, Jesus existed, because Jesus created all things. As a betrothal was made in Israel: the man came to the home of the bride and made the bridal agreement. The man then went away and prepared a home for the bride, and when all things were ready, he returned and the marriage agreement was completed with the marriage. Then he took his bride to her new home. With His first coming; Jesus made a betrothal agreement for the bride the Lamb's wife, the New Testament Church. He has gone to prepare a place for her, in the eternal heaven, and He will return to take her home forever.
- **"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty."** We have a picture here of a king girding on his sword to go to war with the enemy, which is prophetic of Jesus as seen in **Re**

19:11-21; 11 ¶ "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. 12 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. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 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. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." To behold this KING, and to ride as one in His army is an overwhelming scene to our earthly minds. Oh! What glorious majesty our victorious King has!

- **"And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness;"** When we see the revelation of the text we just read in Revelation, we will fully understand that Jesus is the truth as He told us in **Joh 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."** Then will we fully understand the meekness of Jesus, to leave His place in the eternal heaven, and come to earth in obedience to His Father's will. Then we understand the meekness we inherit, in the new birth, to be obedient to our husband King, Jesus Christ. Then will we understand fully, that we have no righteousness of our own, seen in **Isa 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;"** All of our righteousness is of Christ as we are told in **2Co 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."**
- **"thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things."** Terrible things means; to fear, or revere, with wonder and awe. Thus we see: it is the God Man, Jesus Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God the Father on the throne in the eternal heaven, who has sent to us, in the new birth, the Holy Spirit, who hath taught us all things as seen in **1Jo 2:27 "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."** The Jesus in us has taught us to have a reverent fear of God, as we see in **Pr 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."** What a precious gift to us from God.
- **"Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee."** We saw in **Re 19:11-21;** above: there are none who can stand against Jesus and win. Even we, who were chosen in Christ before the world was, cannot resist the call of Jesus to come unto me, when we are born again, and become a part of the bride, the LAMB'S wife. Nor will we resist that final call; when Jesus comes the second time, to take his elect and redeemed to their eternal home.
- **"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:"** As we have already demonstrated that Jesus is eternal, therefore, His throne is eternal, because Jesus is KING forever. As we learn in the bible that this earth is just a temporary thing, seen in **2Pe 3:10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."** But just remember, this earth is just a temporary place and will ultimately be destroyed. However, the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for His bride, the New Testament Church, is eternal, and His throne is forever.

- **"the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre."** The sceptre gives us the picture of a king who held in his hand a sceptre. If any person tried to approach the king, who had not been called for by the king, if the king did not hold out the sceptre to them, they were taken out of the king's presence and slain. Thereby, we see the prophetic picture that there will be none in the eternal heaven that Jesus, the KING, has not called to come to him and the sceptre was held out to them. How do we know this? Because we are told that there will be no sin in the eternal heaven in **Re 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."** Thus, we know that the sceptre of Jesus is a right sceptre.

Surely, we can see the majesty and beauty of our Saviour and KING, the Bridegroom, as we meditate upon these revelations from of the Word of God, which is a testimony of Jesus. Even as king David's words are inadequate to describe the beauty of the Bridegroom, our words are also inadequate. For our bridegroom, truly is the beauty of holiness! Hallelujah! Amen!

7 "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad."

I said last week: the rest of the chapter was about the bride but actually verses 7-9 are still talking about the bridegroom. We are inadequate to describe the beauty of the Bridegroom with words. However, we pray that the Holy Spirit may make the words into more than we can express, and you can all see the glory of the Bridegroom. We are told in **Ac 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."** God gives us this description in **Heb 1:8-9; 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. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."** Here, we have God the Father telling God the Son, our Bridegroom, that God the Son is better than the angels, because He will not give into sin as some angels have. Therefore, the Bridegroom loveth righteousness and hateth iniquity.

"All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad." These are the royal robes of the Bridegroom, which have the aroma of the clothes of the royalty. In the times of Israel, those who could afford these expensive perfumes, which were used to give their clothes a good aroma. To put on the royal robes of the Bridegroom will bring much joy to Jesus.

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

We are told of King's daughters, which were among the Bridegroom's honorable women, and they stand at His right hand as His queen arrayed in gold of Ophir.

The king's daughters are a picture of the New Testament Church. After the new birth they are all honorable women. Upon the completion of the betrothal to Jesus, with the marriage supper of the Lamb, they will be as the queen in gold of Ophir. Gold of Ophir is a reference to the finest gold there is on earth. Wherefore, we understand that the queen, the bride, shall be clothed in the finest of the precious attributes of the Bridegroom. What do you mean? Do you have any righteousness of your own to offer to God? God says our righteousnesses are as filthy rags in His sight. However, when we are born again, we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ. When the time of our change shall come, not only will we be robed in the righteousness of Christ, in gold of Ophir, but we shall be adorned with all the graces and attributes of our Saviour.

10 ¶ "Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;"

We see here a glimpse of what is meant when Jesus said in **Mt 19:29 "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."** When we are born again, we leave behind all those who have not yet received the new birth, because we are a separated people. When we are in the eternal place

Jesus has prepared for us, we will have forsaken all these former things, because the change, which we are promised, has come upon us, and we will be eternally separated from all that do not receive that change.

This is why we are told about separating from family in marriage, as seen in **Mr 10:7-9; 7 "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."** When we are born again, we are betrothed to the Bridegroom. With the betrothal, we are to forsake all others as if we are already married. Therefore, prophetically we see this fulfilled in the new birth of each child of God. We shall see the eternal fulfillment of this in the marriage supper of the Lamb. How? There will be no dissolution of this eternal marriage as we are told in **Mr 10:9 "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."**

11 "So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him."

When we are born again, here in time; Jesus will greatly desire our beauty, which came upon us by his finished work on the cross. This change that comes in the new birth enables us to worship our Bridegroom in Spirit and Truth, with all faithfulness. Hallelujah!

We are told, prophetically, of this desire the Bridegroom will have for the bride in **Eph 5:25-27; 25 "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."** And then added to that we are told in **Eph 5:33 "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."** In the eternal place the Bridegroom has gone to prepare for His bride, we shall see the desire of the Bridegroom for his bride, and we shall finally worship Him in Spirit and Truth, without exception or failure as we do here in time.

12 "And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. 14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace. 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore, shall the people praise thee for ever and ever."

Tyre was, at this particular time, considered the greatest maritime city in the world and was trafficked by all other nations. It is also believed that from Tyre the glorious gospel went forth to all nations of the world, and the gospel of Jesus Christ was received of many Gentiles, and they were added to the New Testament Church. Thus, we see the picture of the New Testament Church, the bride, as seen in **Re 14:6-7; 6 ¶ "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."**

When the New Testament Church is walking in faithfulness to her Bridegroom, she is a place to be desired by all those who are born again. Many who have not received the new birth, but are chosen of God the Father, shall gladly make associations with the New Testament Church, and desire to be invited to come to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The bridegroom, in his great mercy and love, will gladly give them entrance, because they have been drawn to be part of the bride by God the Father, and they shall enter into the King's palace.

Here we have the prophetic picture of the New Testament Church being brought to fruition on earth. **"The king's daughter is all glorious within:"** In the new birth; each child of God will be gloriously adorned in the beauty of the holiness of the Bridegroom; adorned in the most glorious attire of the eternal forgiveness of sins, and eternal life in Christ. She will bear much pleasant fruit of the Spirit, and all the saints of God will adore her.

"With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace." The new birth gives us entrance into the King's palace. Also, here is the prophetic picture of the return of the Bridegroom to take His bride home. There is no greater rejoicing as this shall be.

"I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore, shall the people praise thee for ever and ever." The Bridegroom will remember each newborn child of God in all generations. After all, our names are engraved in His hands. When we think upon the Bridegroom and His finished work, we shall praise Him forever.

These scriptures give us the picture of the glory of the New Testament Church and the fellowship we have therein. These thoughts fill us with the hope of the resurrection of the dead in Christ. They make our hearts rejoice, and desire to see the glory of the Bridegroom. How thankful we should be that Jesus loved us enough to leave heaven, take on a body of mortal flesh, give His life upon the cross, as the betrothal price to gain the bride, the New Testament Church. When the last person for whom Christ died is born again and their work on earth completed, the price of the betrothal being fulfilled, the Bridegroom will return to take His bride to the place He has prepared for her, where we shall reverence and praise the Bridegroom forever! Hallelujah! Amen!