

Psalms Chapter 045 Verses 7-17; The Bridegroom and the Bride

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

Ps 45:7 "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!