

## **Psalm 45 As you read, picture the wedding of a king like Solomon (or possibly the LORD Jesus Christ in His millennial kingdom)**

<sup>1</sup> I am absolutely thrilled with the king, and everything within me simply can't wait to praise him. I am going to write an essay address to and about him, but I'm going to write it using the words of praise that come out of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My king,

You are most desirable, and the way you speak with wisdom and grace gives you favor with all men. For these reasons, God the Father has chosen to bless you forever.

<sup>3</sup> O valiant man, dress yourself for battle so that people will see your magnificent features and glorious royal power! <sup>4</sup> Then ride on, and be victorious over your enemies. Do this in humility<sup>1</sup> for the sake of truth and righteousness. Teach your hands awesome things about battle. <sup>5</sup> Your weapons are deadly, hitting your enemies in the heart causing them to fall down dead as you advance. <sup>6</sup> LORD, in Your hand You hold the scepter that symbolizes the authority to rule Your eternal kingdom. That kingdom was established and endures on the foundation of doing what is right in the sight of the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Since you have loved to do what is right and have hated doing wickedness, your God has anointed you with status and favor far above any of your companions. <sup>8</sup> You wear royal garments permeated with precious perfumes, and in your ivory palaces talented musicians play beautiful music on stringed instruments making your heart glad. <sup>9</sup> Your daughters are among the precious ladies of honor in your court, and on the right side of your throne stands your queen wearing beautiful jewelry made of gold from the region of Ophir. <sup>10</sup> Listen to me young ladies of the kingdom, and pay close attention. Choose to leave your companions and your father's house in order to present yourself as someone the king can add to his harem. <sup>11</sup> If you do, he will desire to see your beauty and make you his own. Be prepared to bow down to him because he is your lord and master.

<sup>12</sup> My king, people from Tyre will come with gifts, and the more wealthy people of the city will seek your favor. <sup>13</sup> Your bride<sup>2</sup> is absolutely gorgeous all decked out with royal clothing. <sup>14</sup> She will be brought to you wearing her clothing interwoven with strands of gold, and her virgin maid servants will follow her. <sup>15</sup> They will gladly enter your palace with rejoicing. <sup>16</sup> When you are gone, your children will rule in your place, and they shall be princes over all of the earth. <sup>17</sup> God will cause your name to be remembered for all generations without end, and because of it, all the people will give thanks to you forever.

<sup>1</sup> Peter A. Steveson, Psalms, Copyright © BJU Press, Greenville SC, pg. 179

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. pg 182

