

Sunday Night Message

October 27, 2013

Psalm 45

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 45

Introduction

"[To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.] 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." (Psalms 45:1)

Like the psalms that immediately precede this one – this psalm was written for the sons of Korah. Notice, however, that this psalm is “upon Shoshannim”, which literally means “lilies”. (also Psalms 60, 69, 80). Again we see the designation “maschil” (Psalm 32, 42, and 43), meaning a song or poem for contemplation. Notice also that this psalm is said to be “a song of loves”, or a love song. The Bible would not take the time to tell us just any love story. This story may have had some historical significance in recording about a particular king, though none seem to fit the descriptions perfectly. Some have said that this psalm may be historically referring to Solomon, but Solomon was not a warrior. Make no mistake about it, this psalm is speaking about the Lord Jesus and His Bride, the Church.

Proof – Psalm 45:6 – 7, compare with Hebrews 1:8 – 9.

The Lord Jesus is the Bridegroom, and we are the Bride. (See Ephesians 5:23 – 33; Revelation 19:6 – 10; Revelation 22:17)

I The Description of the Bridegroom (vs. 1 – 8)

Notice the enthusiasm of the writer. His heart is inditing – literally “bubbling over”. His tongue can’t wait to speak of the things concerning the King.

Practical truth – should not our hearts be bubbling over with excitement in speaking about our bridegroom.

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." (Luke 6:45)

And shouldn't we also be always ready and willing to speak on the Lord's behalf.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (1 Peter 3:15)

Notice the beauty of the bridegroom – The Lord Jesus was much like other men while on the earth, but today He is the glorified King of Kings. Revelation 1 describes the King that we will meet someday.

Notice the words of the bridegroom in v. 2 – “grace is poured into thy lips”

Notice the battle of the Bridegroom in vs. 3 – 5. This battle is described in more detail in Revelation 19:11ff.

*"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may **minister grace** unto the hearers."*
(Ephesians 4:29)

Notice the righteousness of the Bridegroom in vs. 6 – 7. See Hebrews 1 and also Luke 1:30 – 33.

Notice the reign of the Bridegroom (v. 6) – “forever and ever”

Notice the spirit of the Bridegroom (vs. 7 & 8) – if Jesus has the oil of gladness, why are his followers so miserable. “The fruit of the Spirit is joy!”

II The Description of the Bride (vs. 9 – 14)

Notice that the bride's attention is fixed upon the groom

Notice also that the bridegroom admires the bride because she has forgotten her father's house, and has set her complete devotion upon her groom.

Is this not a wonderful picture? When a couple get's married they vow to “forsake all others”. Should not the bride of Christ forsake all other desires, all other relationships, as we devote our lives to our bridegroom? Didn't God say that the nation of Israel played the harlot because she gave her attention and devotion to the things of this world?

III The Description of the Wedding (vs. 15 – 17)

Vs. 15 – 17 was a typical benediction that might be given at a Hebrew wedding.