

## COMING FOR HIS BRIDE

Psalm 45:1-17

### INTRO: Jesus is always coming for His Bride

#### **Psalm 45:1-2**

1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lillies." A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.  
1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

"My heart bursts it's banks splashing goodness and beauty. I pour it out in a poem to the King, shaping the River into words." *The Message*

#### **John 14:2-3**

2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

*Jesus is always coming for His Bride. Whether in salvation, revival, His Second Coming, or simply when two or three are gathered in His Name, Jesus' passion is always for His Bride!*

### I. THE BRIDEGROOM [V. 2-9]

#### **Psalm 45:3-9**

2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. 3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You. 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

#### *A. The Righteous King: Sterling Character (v.2)*

##### **Psalm 45:2**

- You are fairer than *[the most excellent among]* the sons of men;
- Grace is poured upon Your lips;
- Therefore God has blessed You forever.

*Jesus is the perfect example of the truth that the key to all blessing and effective ministry is Christlike character. Character in the heart is reflected by gracious words resulting in blessing forever!*

#### *B. The Warrior King (v.3-5)*

##### **Psalm 45:3-5**

3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples fall under You.

*Quote:* " In a sinful world, those who are of sterling character will, of necessity, be called upon to be mighty in conflict."

1. **His Weapon:** The Prophetic Word of God "sword...arrows..."

***Ephesians 6:17***

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

***Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)***

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

***Revelation 19:11-16***

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2. **His Cause:** Enemies in the Heart of His Bride

- Truth: The Lies of the Enemy - He will expose all that is false, deceitful,
- Humility: Pride and arrogance - He will cast down human pride
- Righteousness: Self righteousness - All that is not inspired or empowered by the Holy Spirit

***Ephesians 5:25-27***

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

3. **His Victory:** Conviction and Repentance "...sharp in the heart..."

***Acts 2:37***

37 Now when they heard this [*Peter's prophetic preaching of the Word*], they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

*C. Victorious King (v.6-9) Jesus is Lord!*

**Psalm 45:6-9**

6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.

*Our Bridegroom is a man of honor who does battle against the enemies of unrighteousness in the heart of His Bride. His objective is to take His rightful place as the supreme object of her affection resulting in joy and gladness*

**II. PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE [V.9–12]**

**Psalm 45:10-12**

9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 *Listen [pay attention], O daughter, Consider [perceive the significance of what you are hearing] and incline your ear [stretch out – act upon what you hear];* Forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

**Revelation 19:7-8**

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

*A. Listen, Consider, Incline: Pay Attention*

**Luke 10:42**

42 “But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the best part, which will not be taken away from her.”

*B. Forget: FAITH = Forsaking All I Trust Him*

**Philippians 3:13-14**

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*B. Worship: Pour out your love! Let Him be your all in all*

**Ephesians 6:24**

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

*The Bridegroom is coming for a Bride who has prepared herself by learning to know and respond to the voice of the Bridegroom, by leaving the old life baggage behind, and making the Bridegroom the prize of her heart.*

**III. THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDE [V. 13 – 17] All Glorious within**

**Psalm 45:13-17**

13 The royal daughter is all glorious within *the palace*; Her clothing is woven with gold. 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15 With gladness and Rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace. 16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth. 17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

***A. Her Beauty is that of the heart: Produced by the Holy Spirit from within***

**1 Samuel 16:7**

The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**1 Peter 3:4**

4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

**Psalm 51:6**

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

***B. Garments of Salvation: Imputed & Imparted Righteousness***

**Matthew 22:11**

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

**Romans 13:14**

14 But put on [keep putting on] the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

*As the beauty of the Bridegroom is that of excellent character, so the beauty of His bride is that of the hidden man of the heart, the inward beauty of a nature transformed by the grace of God. The great reward of the Bride is simply to be brought into the presence of the King to be at His side forever!*

**APPLICATION: PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF THE KING?**

- *Jesus is coming for His Bride*
- *He is coming as a Warrior against the enemies in her heart.*
- *He is coming for the Bride who has made herself ready*
  - *listening for His voice*
  - *leaving the old life behind*
  - *choosing him as their all in all*
- *His eyes are searching for beauty in the heart*
- *The great joy of the Bride is simply to be at His side forever enjoying His Presence!*