



**King Jesus and His Bride  
Jesus is Coming Soon for His Bride...the Church  
Psalm 45**

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**Psalm 45:title–17**

**“For the music director; according to the Shoshannim. A Maskil of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love. My heart is moved with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You are the most handsome of the sons of mankind; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. Strap Your sword on Your thigh, Mighty One, In Your splendor and majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth, humility,**



**and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies. Your throne, God, is forever and ever; The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your companions.** All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia; From ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You joyful. Kings' daughters are among Your noble women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. **Listen, daughter, look and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house; Then the King will crave your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.** The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The wealthy among the people will seek your favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold. She will be brought to the King in colorful garments; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You. They will be brought with joy and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace. In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth. I will make Your name known among all generations; **Therefore the peoples will praise You forever and ever.**" (NASB 2020)

Psalm 45 is indeed a marriage psalm. But it is not just only for the marriage of the King of Israel, but **THE KING**, the Messiah. This is a picture we see throughout the scriptures.

Wholly along the lines of the OT the Rabbis extolled the conclusion of the covenant at Sinai as the marriage of Yahweh with Israel. The Torah is the marriage contract, Moses is the friend of the bridegroom and Yahweh comes to Israel as a bridegroom to his bride. (Stauffer 1964-, 654)

Who is the bride in the Messianic feast? In Jewish tradition it is the people of the covenant brought home to its Lord. In the Synoptic parables, however, the community of disciples is invited as a guest, and the bride is not mentioned. Yet the thought readily suggests itself that the new community of the covenant is the bride. (Stauffer 1964-, 655)

The unity, sacrificial love, and interdependence usually associated with marriage enable the individual to comprehend, in part, the unity, love, and interdependent features of God's relationship with His people under the symbols of God's covenant with Israel and the Church as bride and body of Christ. The focus is on the individual's understanding of the relationship between God and His people. Spiritual realities are made clearer by comparison with earthly experiences. The NT "bride image," e.g., emphasizes certain basic truths: (1) the Church-bride is elected to God's purpose but is free to make a choice (Eph. 4:1); (2) Christ in love gives Himself to establish a covenant relationship with His one bride; (3) Christ's atonement is a "betrothal gift"; (4) Christ's love cleanses and makes the bride worthy of Him; (5) the bride looks to the future wedding day (Parousia). (Bower and Knapp 1979-1988, 265)

The fact that the wedding feast is announced in Revelation 19 prior to the second coming of Christ is another indication that the rapture itself must have already occurred as the Bridegroom goes for His bride before the wedding feast. "The feast though is after the Second Coming." (Walvoord 2008, 273-274)

Revelation 19:7–10

**"Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.** And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (ESV)

As we read this psalm, yes, it is indeed about the pending marriage of the King of Israel to his bride, but it is also about the yet to come wedding of Christ, the Messiah to His church.



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The writer of the book of Hebrews tied this to the Lord for us.

Hebrews 1:8

“but of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.” (NET 2nd ed.)

The natural supposition is that the whole psalm concerns Jesus Christ. (Ash 2024, 546)

This is a Messianic psalm, and it does indeed speak of the King and his future dynasty in terms that one could only apply to the Messiah.

After being on a serious downer for the last two psalms, now we arrive at praise. This psalm was also written by the sons of Korah. The song it is to put to is “lilies.” Shosannim points to whiteness or the whiteness of lilies. This is a song of love. “It is a picture of Christ as the Messiah—He is the Lily of the Valley as well as the Rose of Sharon. In translating this, the Targumim adds, “Thy beauty, O King Messiah, is greater than that of the children of men.”” (McGee 1997, 750)

Psalm 45:1

“My heart is moved with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.” (NASB 2020)

The English translation understates the meaning of the word we see translated as “moved.” It is more along the lines of an overflowing heart, one that is ready to explode. What is taking place inside is happening so suddenly and magnificently that the psalmist cannot even begin to talk fast enough to cover what is going on inside. The tongue of a ready writer means that what is to be said would come out so quickly and fully that it is tough to put into words. In other words, just like a child would run on and on, motor mouth lives.

Stop and think about it for a minute. As part of the church, we have just been suddenly taken from this planet to be with Jesus and now we are in heaven experiencing everything that we have prayed for and dreamt of, only now it is all very real. How do I even begin to explain what I am seeing and experiencing. When we confront that here today, we opt to call or see someone face to face since the written word seems so inadequate. That is where the psalmist is as he begins to write.

He would prefer to talk to each of us and tell us face to face what he is experiencing.

Psalm 45:2

**“You are the most handsome of the sons of mankind;** Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.” (NASB 2020)

When you and I arrive in heaven and see our glorious Lord for the first time, Paul tried to explain it in terms we could understand as we grow and become more like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:18

**“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord.** And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” (NLT)

Seeing Him, in person, in front of us, will be breathtaking. I can’t wait.

Isaiah 33:17

**“Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty;** they will see a land that stretches afar.” (ESV)



Psalm 27:4

**“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”**  
(ESV)

God's beauty is known from His creation. Creation is beautiful; this is evident all around us from a tiny flower (Matt. 6:28–29) to the magnificent night sky (Ps. 19:1). The effect derives its perfections from its Cause. As we have seen, God cannot give what He hasn't got—He cannot produce what He does not possess. Therefore, God is beautiful; His creation is merely a reflection of His beauty. (Geisler 2003, 239–240)

1 Corinthians 2:9

“But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—” (ESV)

When we finally see Jesus, we will be blown away. And when He speaks, wow. The goal here is to so enthrall the bride, that would be us the church, with the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, that when we hear Him speak to us, is it as if we are having anointing oil poured out on us. His grace flows from His mouth to us in what He says. John tried to give us this view as he talked about the martyred ones under the altar in Revelation and how Jesus dealt with them.

Revelation 7:16–17

“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”” (ESV)

And He is blessed forever. “Christ is blessed, blessed of God, blessed for ever, and this is to us one great reason for his beauty, and the source of the gracious words which proceed out of his lips. The rare endowments of the man Christ Jesus are given him of the Father, that by them his people may be blessed with all spiritual blessings in union with himself.” (Spurgeon n.d., 316)

Psalm 45:3–4

**“Strap Your sword on Your thigh, Mighty One, In Your splendor and majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.”** (NASB 2020)

This is pointing to the second coming of Jesus. When He was here the first time, there were no military conquests. But that all changes when He returns as the avenger of blood at the end of the Great Tribulation. We see the picture drawn for us in verse 3 in the book of Revelation as well as in Zechariah.

Revelation 19:11–16

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.” (ESV)



Zechariah 14:12–13

“And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other.” (ESV)

This is what takes place when He returns at the end of the Great Tribulation. But when He was here the first time, His conquest took place differently.

Psalm 45:4

“And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, **For the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness;** Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.” (NASB 2020)

This was the way Jesus triumphed during his earthly ministry. From a purely physical point of view Jesus' enemies were victorious, since they succeeded in having him condemned and executed. But in terms of truth, humility, and righteousness, Jesus won, since he upheld these characteristics in his person and conduct, even when he was being unjustly treated. (Boice 2005, 383)

When He returns though, indeed His right hand will accomplish great things as He does return as a warrior.

Psalm 45:5

“Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King’s enemies.” (NASB 2020)

In the end, history will divide all mankind into those who fall before Christ’s Word in a sin-confessing, grace-seeking faith and those rebels who at the final judgment will be felled by Christ’s word of condemnation. (Phillips 2019, 28)

Isaiah 49:2

“He made my mouth like a sharp sword, he hid me in the hollow of his hand; he made me like a sharpened arrow, he hid me in his quiver.” (NET 2nd ed.)

In the life of Jesus, for thirty years or so here on the planet, He was hidden away, concealed or hidden in God’s quiver.

“Our Lord was the polished arrow of God the Father, shot into the world to pierce the hearts of men. He was sent into this world to do His Father’s will, thwart Satan’s will, and redeem mankind from the bondage of sin. A polished arrow is straight, strong, clean, reliable, tested, and sharp. When we look at Jesus, we find those traits.” (Mattoon 2015, 25)

The arrow of conviction changes us as we surrender to Him. But for those who do not, it is an arrow to the heart warning of impending judgment.

At the end of the age, that sharpened arrow has done its work and all the peoples of the planet are subject to the Messiah.

Psalm 45:6–7

**“Your throne, God, is forever and ever; The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.** You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your companions.” (NASB 2020)



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First of all, we are hit with the fact that the King is God. This is the Messiah and His throne will indeed last forever. When Jesus takes the throne of this world at the end of the Tribulation, and His first act is the sheep and goats judgment. His scepter, His rule is absolute. And His rule is in righteousness.

Matthew 25:31–33

**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.”** (ESV)

The rule of Messiah, His scepter is one of justice. But He will also rule with a rod of iron. Meaning His justice and His righteousness are to be the rule, not the exception.

For those who are used to business as usual, it will no longer be that. Jesus turns everything right side up.

He himself loves to do righteousness, and hates to do wickedness; and he loves those that do righteousness, and hates those that do wickedness. By the holiness of his life, the merit of his death, and the great design of his gospel, he has made it to appear that he loves righteousness (for by his example, his satisfaction, and his precepts, he has brought in an everlasting righteousness), and that he hates wickedness, for never did God’s hatred of sin appear so conspicuously as it did in the sufferings of Christ. (Henry 1994, 808, Henry 1994)

Zechariah 14:9

**“And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.”** (ESV)

We forget that when Christ went to the cross, they was an element of joy behind it. The oil of joy, the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 12:2 “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (ESV)

Isaiah covered this as well when he discussed the first and second comings of Jesus, something Jesus also quoted in the synagogue. The oil of joy points to the second coming.

Isaiah 61:1–3

“The spirit of the sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has chosen me. He has commissioned me to encourage the poor, to help the brokenhearted, to decree the release of captives, and the freeing of prisoners, to announce the year when the LORD will show his favor, **the day when our God will seek vengeance, to console all who mourn, to strengthen those who mourn in Zion, by giving them a turban, instead of ashes, oil symbolizing joy, instead of mourning, a garment symbolizing praise, instead of discouragement.** They will be called oaks of righteousness, trees planted by the LORD to reveal his splendor.” (NET 2nd ed.)

There are also some who look at the oil of joy being the Holy Spirit. Charles Spurgeon says the following, “The fruit of the Spirit is joy.” In Acts 13:52 we read, “The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.” Wherever he comes as an anointing, whether upon the Lord or upon his people, upon the Christ or the Christians, upon the Anointed or upon those whom he anoints, in every case the ultimate result is joy and peace. On the head of our great High Priest he is joy, and this oil of gladness flows down to the



skirts of his garments. To the Comforter, therefore, we ascribe “the oil of gladness.”” (Spurgeon, The Oil of Gladness 1876, 25)

Jesus achieved all that He did here on planet earth in His first coming as a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit, the oil of gladness. John the Baptist talked about this.

Mark 1:7–11

“He proclaimed, “One more powerful than I am is coming after me; I am not worthy to bend down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Now in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my one dear Son; in you I take great delight.”” (NET 2nd ed.)

Jesus Christ was filled with and did ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit and He promised that those who follow Him will also be filled and do even greater works through the power of the Holy Spirit than He did (John 14:12). And as He was filled with joy, in the Spirit, so can we. This is what Peter was talking about as the Holy Spirit invaded the small church gathered together on Pentecost. He pointed to Joel,

Jesus pointed to this and it all began on the morning of Pentecost as the oil of joy, the Holy Spirit was poured out on His church.

Joel 2:28–29

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.” (ESV)

A fruit of the Spirit is joy and it was this joy that was and is a characteristic of His people, the church.

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (ESV)

Psalm 45:7–9

“You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; **Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your companions.** All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia; From ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You joyful. Kings’ daughters are among Your noble women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.” (NASB 2020)

We read this about the spices and think of the preparation for the wedding ceremony, but these spices were also used to prepare the body of Jesus for burial (John 19:39–40). This is pointing the path Messiah would follow so that the upcoming wedding could take place.

How was it Jesus was able to secure His bride, the church? Through His sacrificial death on the cross. By His achievement in the crucifixion and resurrection, and with His body prepared with myrrh and aloes, He achieved the bride price and fully secured the event we are talking about in this psalm.

But as we continue, we see the scene shifting to heaven from ivory palaces stringed instruments and joy. Once again bringing us back to the idea we first read about as we started this psalm and the multisensory overload, we will all be exposed to upon first arriving at our home with the Lord.



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Coming to verse 9, we begin to see some of the wedding party. This is a ceremony which involves the entirety of the heavenly host. The church stands next to the King because of what He did on the cross for her, and the King's daughters, the heavenly host, stand witness to what all eternity has been waiting for.

Romans 8:22–23

**"For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." (ESV)

Psalm 45:10–11

"Listen, daughter, look and incline your ear: **Forget your people and your father's house; Then the King will crave your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.**" (NASB 2020)

Now, it is about the bride, the church. We begin first with some of the duties. And the first thing we see is exactly what takes place in our lives when we first come to faith in Jesus Christ. The old life is gone and gone forever. All things are now new (Revelation 21:5).

Jesus talked about this, counting the cost, understanding what following Him truly means.

Luke 14:26–33

**"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.** For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. **So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.**" (ESV)

When we come to Christ, His desire is for us to be all in with nothing being held back. Jesus said we have to be willing to carry our own instrument of execution, dying to self and to all the other things of the world that ties us down to follow Him.

Paul talked about this as well.

Philippians 3:8–9

**"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,** not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—" (ESV)

Jesus had several more conversations about the cost of discipleship. The need for those who follow Him, to be all in and hold nothing back. Just like Paul said.

Luke 9:57–62

"As they were walking along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, **"Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."** Jesus said to another, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, **"Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."** Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to my family."



Jesus said to him, “**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.**” (NET 2nd ed.)

The bride of Christ is being told, upfront, the cost of following and belonging to the bridegroom. He is the King after all and as we follow Him, the things of this world begin to have less and less of a pull on us.

As we follow and become more and more like Him, we begin to conform to His will. Look at the language in the next verse.

Psalm 45:11

“**Then the King will crave your beauty.** Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.” (NASB 2020)

Through His work on the cross, Jesus has taken care of our sin problem for us. He desires for us to be more like Him.

Romans 12:1–2

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (NKJV)

And the beauty of His holiness reflected in our lives is something the King of Glory truly craves to see reflected in our lives. At the point where we are in heaven and finally with our King, we will be in our new bodies and free of the sin nature. His beauty can then be perfectly reflected in us as His imagers.

When we come to Christ, our lives change. And as our lives change, many of those who we were once hanging out with drop away because they no longer want to be around us. New relationships are the result and those new relationships also include other followers of Jesus Christ. There are those times where we may miss our old life and those who we have shared with who did not understand why we left them for Jesus. But these new associates, who we know because of our new royal lineage, we are the King's after all, become our friends.

Psalm 45:12–15

“The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The wealthy among the people will seek your favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold. She will be brought to the King in colorful garments; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You. They will be brought with joy and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace.” (NASB 2020)

The general and satisfactory meaning is clear, that whatever sacrifices are made because of true allegiance to the King will be richly compensated for by the rewards that His own presence and providence bring. (Leupold 1959, 358-359)

1 Corinthians 2:9

“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”” (NLT)

What we then see is the beauty of the church, the bride of Christ on the wedding day. “The glory of the church is spiritual glory, and that is indeed all glory; it is the glory of the soul, and that is the man; it is glory in God's sight, and it is an earnest of eternal glory. The glory of the saints falls not within the view of a carnal eye. As their life, so their glory, is hidden with Christ in God, neither can the natural man know it, for it is spiritually discerned; but those who do so discern it highly value it.” (Henry 1994, 808)



Peter tells us what this looks like in his discussion of the Godly behavior of the believing wife, also a picture of the church.

#### 1 Peter 3:3–4

“Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.” (NLT)

What we are seeing is how the Lord sees His church. “Magnificent Oriental splendor is in evidence. Part of her retinue naturally consists of “the virgins, her companions, following after her.” At this point the description becomes an apostrophe of the king when it is said that they “are brought to You.” Specific interpretation of the details is again out of the question. But the general truth remains that the bride of the Lord, His church, has a beauty and glory all her own.” (Leupold 1959, 359)

The marriage of the lamb with His church again, is reflected in sensory overload. We are with the Lord, forever. We will always be with Him. He has indeed made a place for us, just as He promised. WE read the promise, but what is being experienced here in the psalm, is the fulfillment of that promise.

#### John 14:1–3

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (ESV)

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:15–17

“For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.**” (ESV)

Here in Psalm 45 we see the joyous fulfillment, we are now with our Lord.

#### Psalm 45:15

**“They will be brought with joy and rejoicing; They will enter into the King’s palace.”** (NASB 2020)

#### Revelation 21:3–7

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, **“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”** And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give water to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost. The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.” (NASB 2020)

Yep, serious joy. What He has in store for us is so much greater than anything we can ever even imagine. We will have an eternity to even begin to learn about Him.



#### Psalm 45:16–17

“In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth. I will make Your name known among all generations; Therefore the peoples will praise You forever and ever.” (NASB 2020)

As we share Jesus with others, some do indeed decide to follow Him. Paul would refer to those who he had a part of leading to the Lord as sons in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2). This talks about the expectation of the King that there will indeed be additional offspring.

And of course, all who come to Christ are indeed to reign with Him.

#### Revelation 20:6

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.**” (NASB 2020)

All who believe on Christ are kings and priests unto God in him. Every child of God in this world is a king. We have received a kingdom of grace which cannot be taken away...Every believer is also a priest.

...The priesthood of the believer means that God's people neither need nor desire any earthly 'priest'. Christ is our Priest, and we are priests unto God in him. In him, we have constant access to God. (Fortner 2002, 27)

The last verse in this psalm though puts our eyes back on the King. The one who this psalm has been all about.

#### Psalm 45:17

“I will make Your name known among all generations; Therefore the peoples will praise You forever and ever.” (NASB 2020)

#### Zechariah 14:9

**“And the LORD will be King over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.”** (NASB 2020)

#### Revelation 22:3–5

“There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.” (NASB 2020)

Let's pray.



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