

I. Review

A. Ps. 45:1 - Introduction

1. Ps. 45:1a - The Father's heart overflows with the drama, beauty, and praise concerning the theme of His son, the bridegroom king, His bride, and their wedding.
2. Ps. 45:1b - Out of the overflow of the Father's heart, He composes and sings this song.

B. Ps. 45:2-9 The Beauty and Glory of the Bridegroom King

1. Ps. 45:2 - The proclamation of the matchless divine beauty and glory of the bridegroom king.
2. Ps. 45:3-5 - The bridegroom king's identity and work as a righteous man of war.
3. Ps. 45:6-8 - The bridegroom king's identity and work as righteous ruler.

C. Seeking His Beauty - As we resume our verse by verse study, it is critical that we seek to see the beauty of the King. This is not a dry timeline of the activities of Jesus upon His Kingly return. Rather, this is the Father calling out various aspects and activities that cause Him to declare His matchless worth and beauty which when seen rightly cause the heart to overflow in love and adoration.

II. The King's Identity as a righteous man of war (Ps. 45:4)

And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and your right hand shall teach you awesome things. (Ps. 45:4)

A. Ps. 45:4 - The warrior King has girded His sword upon His side and the day of vengeance and rescue has come. The brides' cries of, "Come, Lord Jesus, come!", have reached their crescendo and now the Father says, "Go now, Son, and ride forth in victory because truth, humility and righteousness demands it!" Not only is He coming because of these three things; he will operate in these three things as He comes to produce and cover the earth with these three things as a result of His coming.

1. Ride Victoriously - The hour for judgment upon all unrighteousness has come. The saints have cried out, "How long, oh Lord, until you stop the unrighteousness?" Now is the time. This is the moment we have all longed for; Jesus will come and have total victory and drive darkness off of the planet forever! He's not coming in hopes of victory. He will be prosperous and victorious in filling the earth with the Glory of God. (1 Cor. 1:7; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:11-15; 2 Pet. 3:12-14)

Truth will be ridiculed, meekness will be oppressed, and righteousness slain, unless the God, the Man in whom these precious things are incarnated, shall arise for their vindication. Our earnest petition ought ever to be that Jesus would lay his almighty arm to the work of grace lest the good cause languish and wickedness prevail. - C. Spurgeon

2. Truth - The first of the three main character traits that demands Jesus to return and produce in the earth is truth. Deception and false information will only continue to rise, and will crescendo to unprecedented heights and this will be catalytic in the timing of the Bridegroom's return. Our King is the fount of all truth. Upon setting up His government on the earth, He will begin to establish truth in every area of society. Not only does He desire to bring truth to the earth, but truth demands that He comes and rules the earth. (Is. 59:13-20; Dan. 8:12; Ps. 85:8-13; 96:13; Is. 65:14-18; Jn. 14:6; Rev. 19:11;)
3. Humility - The second character trait that demands Jesus to return and produce in the earth is humility. Even as the mighty warrior king, He will execute perfect justice upon evil without stepping into the area of revenge or murderous anger. The meek will be ever oppressed by the proud until He comes to establish humility and meekness and drive pride off the planet. The earth will be governed from meekness and a true heart posture to esteem others better than themselves. (Ps. 37:10-11; Is. 11:1-5; Zep. 2:3, 3:11-13; Mt. 5:5)
4. Righteousness - The third character trait that demands Jesus to return and produce in the earth is righteousness. We will look at this topic in far greater detail later on in this psalm. For now, we will focus upon His righteousness in His judgments as the mighty warrior. To those He loves He brings discipline, to turn them from death and destruction. Each judgment He brings as king is done in loving righteousness in order to turn people to righteousness. (Ps. 99:1-4; Jer. 33:14-16; Rev. 15:3-4)

Part 3 - The King Rules the Earth in Righteousness

(Ps. 45:4-6)

In righteousness God will use the least severe means of judgment in order to bring as many people as possible to the greatest level of love. -Mike Bickle

- a. Slaying the Wicked - Many say, “How can executing the wicked be done in love and righteousness?” Can the righteous judge be righteous if he allows the murderer to continue to murder or the rapist continue to rape? There will be many who refuse to repent and turn to the Lord and receive the free gift of righteousness even though it has been offered to them countless times. For these individuals, their hunger for wickedness will never be quenched and their work upon the earth will ever be death. The demand of righteousness is to bring justice and righteousness to Satan and his followers. To do less than this would be unloving and unjust. (Is. 11:1-5; 63:1-9; 2 Thes. 1:3-10)

5. Your right hand shall teach you awesome things - Just as Jesus, “learned obedience through suffering”, meaning that He had felt suffering and “learned” what it was like to experience it and obey His Father through it, so too, He will “learn” what it is like to actually carry out His righteous judgments upon the earth and establish the literal kingdom of God in the earth. This does not mean that He does not know how to literally rule the earth in truth, humility, and righteousness, but rather speaks of the fact that He will be doing something that has not been done before. (Heb. 5:8)

“Foreseeing the result of divine working, the psalmist prophesies that the uplifted arm of Messiah will reveal to the King's own eyes the terrible overthrow of his foes. Jesus needs no guide but his own right hand, no teacher but his own might; may he instruct us all in what he can perform, by achieving it speedily before our gladdened eyes.” - C. Spurgeon

III. The King’s Identity as the Righteous Ruler (Ps. 45:5-8)

Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; The peoples fall under you. (Ps. 45:5)

- A. **Ps. 45:5** - In the previous verse the King was commissioned to go to war for the sake of truth, humility, and righteousness. We are told that his arrows of judgment will strike the heart and are perfectly and eternally effective. These sharp arrows of judgment will cause righteousness; either His enemies will turn from their wickedness when struck, or they will be slain by them and their wicked ways will cease in the earth. The hope that righteousness and goodness will forever cover the earth finds its surety in the effective arrows of the King who will shoot them in such a way as to cause all nations to come under His perfect and good leadership. (Dan. 2:34-45; Ps. 21:6-13; Is. 60:10-14)

1. The peoples fall under you - The Hebrew word translated, "peoples", not only includes nations, it includes every person in the nations. Every single person on the earth will be caused to fall under Him upon His return. Some will bend the knee in reverence and love and some will bend the knee under the weight of His supreme authority but every knee will bend when Jesus manifests Himself as the king of the earth. (Num. 24:5-9; Ps. 66:3-4, 110; Is. 45:22-25; Phil. 2:9-11)

"First, Those that were by nature enemies are thus wounded, in order to their being subdued and reconciled. Convictions are like the arrows of the bow, which are sharp in the heart on which they fasten, and bring people to fall under Christ, in subjection to his laws and government. Secondly, Those that persist in their enmity are thus wounded, in order to bring their ruin, they shall fall under him, so as to be made his footstool. Those that would not have him to reign over them shall be brought forth and slain before him and be broken to pieces by his iron rod." - Matthew Henry

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. (Ps. 45:6)

- B. **Ps. 45:6** - According to even the earliest of Jewish and Christian scholars, the throne that is in view here is the Davidic throne in Jerusalem. Jesus currently sits on a throne in heaven at the right hand of the Father, and the earth is not yielded fully to His will. One of the beautys that overflows the heart of God is the day after Jesus has judged the earth and destroyed the wicked, He will sit on an earthly throne and His perfect rule over the earth will continue for all eternity. (1 Chron. 14:11-14, 27; Ps. 89:29-37; Jer. 33:14-22; Is. 9:1-7; Lk. 1:32-33)

1. The Scepter of Your Kingdom - A scepter is a rod or staff that symbolizes the authority of the King. Here we are to see and understand that His righteousness is so displayed and established that righteousness actually becomes the symbol of His rule. The banners and symbols that we wave and wear in the age to come will display righteousness and proclaim righteousness forever. (Ps. 72)

"He is the lawful monarch of all things that be. His rule is founded in right, its law is right, its result is right. Our King is no usurper and no oppressor. Even when he shall break his enemies with a rod of iron, he will do no man wrong; his vengeance and his grace are both in conformity with justice. Hence we trust him without suspicion; he cannot err; no affliction is too severe, for he sends it; no judgment too harsh, for he ordains it. O blessed hands of Jesus! the reigning power is safe with you. All the just rejoice in the government of the King who reigns in righteousness." - C.H. Spurgeon

An Overflowing Heart - A Study in Psalm 45
Part 3 - The King Rules the Earth in Righteousness

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(Ps. 45:4-6)