

I. Overview

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. 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 that cause His heart to overflow with love concerning the matchless worth and beauty of His son in His identity and activity as the king. (Is. 4:2; 2 Pet. 1:16)

1. Grace is poured upon His lips
 - a. He speaks divine words. Every word that He speaks contains divine power bringing life and righteousness.
2. Gird your sword and ride forth
 - a. He will ride forth in righteous judgment and battle to rid the earth of wickedness and death.
 - b. He will ride forth because He is a bridegroom coming for His bride to win her love, deliver her from evil, marry her, and rule the earth with her forever.
 - c. He will ride forth because His bride worldwide will cry out for Him to come.
3. Ride because of Truth, Humility, and Righteousness
 - a. He will wage war and judge in truth and produce truth worldwide forever.
 - b. He will wage war and judge in humility and establish meekness worldwide forever.
 - c. All of His actions in judgement and battle will be done in perfect love and righteousness.
4. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies
 - a. He will be perfect and eternally effective in His judgments that rid the earth of wickedness and darkness.

5. Your Throne is Forever
 - a. He will fulfill the long awaited Messianic promise that God made to David and the people of Israel and He will sit on David's throne in Jerusalem, forever ruling the earth.
6. The scepter of your Kingdom is Righteousness
 - a. He will establish worldwide righteousness forever because of the outflow of the righteousness that is within His nature.
 - b. The banner or symbol of His Kingdom will be righteousness.

II. The Kingdom Established (Ps. 45:5-6)

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 in pieces by His iron rod. - Matthew Henry

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of our Kingdom. (Ps. 45:6)

- A. Ps. 45:6 - The Throne - 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. (Mat. 25:31: Lk. 1:32-33)
1. The Dwelling Place - There are two great Messianic expectations that flow throughout the entirety of the prophetic promises. The first is that Christ would defeat and destroy Satan, death, and all wickedness, and rid the earth of them forever. The second is that He would restore the dwelling place of God upon the earth forever. Here, in an unprecedented display of beauty, God rewards David for His desire to build God a dwelling place on the earth by promising him that the Messiah will fulfill both of His expectations as David's son and from His throne. (2 Sam. 7:1-29; Ps. 89:27-37; Jer. 33:14-22; Is. 9:1-7)
 2. 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)