

## 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. 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 together 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 Kings 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 Gladness of the King (Ps. 45:7-8)

***You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions. (Ps. 45:7)***

- A. **Ps. 45:7** - The Kingdom of God is established in righteousness and produces righteousness forever because that is the natural outflow of the King's character. Unlike every single "good" ruler or king that came before Him, He does not have an inner battle to say no to fleshly desires. He hates wickedness. He is not drawn to it or confused about it. He hates it with perfect hatred and loves righteousness with zeal. We can have great confidence of a coming time when righteousness will cover the earth from sea to sea and wickedness will be eliminated from the earth as an eternal state. (Ps. 72, 89:13-16, 96, 98, ; Is. 11:1-10, 26:8-9; 32:1-7,14-20, 61, 62:1-7; Jer. 23:1-8; Mal. 4:1-3; Mt. 3:15, 5:6, Rom. 3-5; Gal. 5:1-6; 2 Pet. 3:1-18; Rev. 19:11)

*Christ Jesus is not neutral in the great contest between right and wrong: as warmly as he loves the one he abhors the other. What qualifications for a sovereign! what grounds of confidence for a people! The whole of our Lord's life on earth proved the truth of these words; his death to put away sin and bring in the reign of righteousness, sealed the fact beyond all question; his providence by which he rules from his mediatorial throne, when rightly understood, reveals the same; and his final assize will proclaim it before all worlds. - CH Spurgeon*

1. God your God - Jesus the King was just called God in the verse before and now we are told that God anoints God with gladness. There are numerous passages like this and become the foundation for the essential christian doctrine of the trinity. In fact, in this particular verse we see the Father anointing the Son by the Holy Spirit with gladness. This also speaks to the eternal nature of Jesus as fully God and fully man, even in His eternal glorified state, for only a human King would need to receive the impartation of an anointing of divine gladness.

2. Anointed with the oil of gladness - There has never been a king who loved righteousness and hated wickedness like this king; therefore, He carries an impartation of joy and gladness beyond any human who has ever lived. We all understand that the result of righteous actions is life and joy. However, dwelling within the depths the person of Jesus is perfect and complete righteousness. There is no darkness of any kind, no hidden power agenda, no lies, no bullying, no desire to use someone to accomplish His desire. The result of this inner beauty is nothing less than a person who is full of joy, gladness, and sincerity. (Heb. 12:1-2)
  - a. Most of us have grown up in a religious environment that has wrongly shaped us to believe that He is either mostly mad, or mostly sad.
    1. Mad - He is commonly portrayed or understood as primarily being filled with anger and barely able to contain His desire to smash us all in judgments because of our wickedness. Countless people, especially those who have been Christians for more than a few years, picture His face as stern and angry when they think of Him.
    2. Sad - He is also commonly perceived as primarily or mostly grieved by our weaknesses. People see Him as continually having his hands on hips as he stamps his foot saying, “when are you going to get it together? How many more times do I have to forgive you? This is your last chance!” This crowd feels that God is not necessarily angry at them but continually disappointed, grieved, and sad when He thinks about them.
  - b. The self-sufficiency of Jesus in His deity speaks fairly clearly into why He does what He does. If you had all sufficiency in every aspect of your needs and emotions then why would you do anything other than that which gives you joy? Gladness and joy would be the primary emotion involved in both the activity and outcome goal of all that you did. I believe that this is very true of our glad king. Also, consider Him who gives you His Holy Spirit and conforms you into His image. Over and over, one of the primary fruits or aspects of His nature mentioned concerning the person who is conformed into His image is joy. (Num. 14:8; Ps. 4:7, 16:11, 115:3; Is. 62; Zep. 3:14-20; Lk 15; Rom. 15:13)

*This he is anointed with above all his fellows, above all believers, who are his brethren, and who partake of the anointing-they by measure, he without measure. - Matthew Henry*

- c. His Righteous Gladness Imparted - In addition to the beauty and wonder found in beholding His eternal righteousness, promises are given that as our righteousness in Him increases, we too will experience increasing measures of joy and gladness (Acts 2:46). This reality of increasing gladness for the believer finds a culminating hope in the day when the King of righteousness rules the earth. As righteousness fills the earth, so too will gladness and joy. (Pro. 10:27-30; Is. 30:27-30, 35, 51:3-11; Jer. 30:18-31:8, 33:3-16, Zech. 8:1-19; 1 Thes. 2:19; Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Pet 4:12-13; Jude 1:24-25)

*Jesus as Mediator owned God as his God, to whom, being found in fashion as a man, he became obedient. On account of our Lord's perfect life he is now rewarded with superior joy. Others there are to whom grace has given a sacred fellowship with him, but by their universal consent and his own merit, he is prince among them, the gladdest of all because he is the cause of all their gladness. - C.H. Spurgeon*