

## PSALM 45

Luther: “[This] is a prophecy of the Gospel and the kingdom of Christ as a king - with all kingly splendor...having likewise a fine castle, a grand host of ladies in waiting, a beautiful queen and children forever. This is all nothing else than a spiritual picture of the Gospel of Christ, His Spirit, grace, church, and eternal life, of war against sin, death, law, devil, flesh, world, and all evil.”

This King far exceeds any Davidic king; that is, any earthly king. Remember, Jesus is “the son of David” - Matt. 1:1 . See Matt. 12:41-42. This is the King of Psalm 2:1-2, 5-9,12 (cf. 45: 3-7), and 2 Sam. 7:12-16.

- Verse 1 “pleasing theme” - a good word. “verses to the king” - the ultimate descendent of David; the King of kings.
- Verse 2 “grace is poured upon your lips” - attribute of God. The grace, the undeserved love that pours out from Christ to us. Jn. 3:14-18; 5:22-24.
- Verse 3 “Gird your sword on your thigh” - the King of kings will battle for His people. See Ps. 34:17-19; Is. 9:6; Lk. 1:49.
- Verses 4-5 “right hand” - power and strength.
- Verses 6-7 See Heb 1:8-9. He is true God and true Man, the King of kings, the son of David who rules over all things; who lays down His life to win our forgiveness and eternal life, and overcomes the grave so that we would have the assurance of everlasting life! Is. 61:1-2 then Lk. 4:16-21.
- Verse 8 The riches of a royal palace.
- Verse 9 “The queen” - the church. “gold of Ophir” - source of Solomon’s gold. 1Ki. 9:28. “The Queen” calls to mind Eph. 5:25-32; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7.
- Verse 10 The bride (God’s people; the Church) leaves former life and relationships behind.
- Verse 11 “bow to him” may have been part of the marriage rite.
- Verse 12 Tyre - Phoenician city. The king was the first to recognize David’s reign.
- verses 13-15 Pictures the church, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, entering into the everlasting love of God. Therefore, Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 12:22-24, 28-29.
- Verse 16 1Pt. 2:9, “...you are...a royal priesthood...”
- Verse 17 Indeed, we always honor and glorify His name and sing His praises forever!