

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 45 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah. A love song.

¹ My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. ³ Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! ⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! ⁵ Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; ⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; ⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; ⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, ¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him. ¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people. ¹³ All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. ¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. ¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷ I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Next Week: Psalm 46

August 19, 2018

TALK SHEET

Have I engaged with someone outside the church this week with...

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1. What is your biggest “take-away” from Sunday’s sermon on Psalm 45?
2. Living in the 21st Century, how may we interpret and apply this psalm celebrating the marriage of a king from thousands of years ago?
3. Psalm 45 appears to be a unique addition to “Israel’s songbook.” What are some ways that this psalm uniquely contributes to the rest of Scripture?
4. Describe and discuss three priorities of a king (v. 4). Why are these important?
5. Describe and discuss desired behaviors of the bride (vv. 10–15). Why are these important?
6. In C.S. Lewis’s book, *Reflections on the Psalms*, he writes about “*second meanings in the psalms.*” Are there multiple meanings in Psalm 45? If yes, explain.
7. The writer of the N.T. book of Hebrews directly quotes vv. 6 & 7 ... Hebrews 1:8–9 ... how does this impact our understanding of Psalm 45?