

Heart to Heart with the Living God

Psalm 45

*"I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever."* Psalm 45:17 (NIV)

Day 1: Read Psalm 45.

This psalm was composed for the wedding of a royal son of David.

1. How does the Psalmist describe the king? (v.2)

2. What blessings has God bestowed upon the king, who belongs to the line of David? (v. 2c; Ps. 89:3-4; 20-29)

Days 2 and 3: Read Psalm 45.

3. What kind of warrior is the king? (vv. 3-5)

4. What characterizes the king and his kingdom? (vv. 6b-7)

5. Try to imagine the groom and bride as they prepare for their wedding and the joining of their lives.
 - a. What is the king thinking about? (v. 11)

 - b. How is the bride described? (vv. 9b, 13-14)

 - c. What counsel does the Psalmist give to the bride? (vv. 10-11) Why do you think this counsel would be important for a new wife and queen?

 - d. What words are used to describe the bridal procession? (v. 15)

6. As the bride and groom rejoice in their wedding day, they also look to the future. As they look forward, what do they see? (vv. 16-17)

Days 4 and 5: Read Psalm 45.

7. In what surprising way does the psalmist address the king in verse 6?

This language reflects either that the Davidic king is sitting on God's throne or that he has a very special relationship with God because he is God's representative on earth.

8. How does the writer of Hebrews show that Jesus is the fulfillment of verse 6? (Heb 1:1-9)

9. How does Jesus fit Psalm 45's description of the king in deeper and fuller ways in the following verses:

a. (vv. 2, 6b, 7b; Col. 1: 15-18)

b. (vv. 3-5; Rev. 19:11-16)

c. (v. 6; Lk. 1:26-33)

d. (v. 7b; Phil. 2:9-11)

10. The Israelite king was ordained by God to fight and protect God's people from their enemies.

a. What does Jesus fight against as the divine warrior? (1 Cor. 15:24-26)

b. What has his triumph secured for us? (Eph. 1:18-21; Col. 1:13-14)

11. Who is the bride of the great king Jesus and how is her relationship with him described? (Eph. 5:25-32; *Rev. 19:6-9).

12. The end of this psalm promises great things for the king and his heirs. How do we see the promise of reigning sons play out? (v. 16; Rev. 3:21; Rev. 22:3-5)

13. What does the promise of v. 17 look like in the future? (Rev. 5:9-14)

14. How have you seen Jesus in a new, fresh way while doing this study? Write your answer as a prayer of worship.

*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.