

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Friday 8th May

Psalm 45

For the director of music. To the tune of 'Lilies'. Of the Sons of Korah. A maskil. A wedding song.

Everyone enjoys a wedding! This is a happy celebration song of love...

Christ is the Bridegroom (David's royal son), and the beautiful bride is us, the church. Wow!!!! (Isaiah 62v5 "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you")

1 My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skilful writer.
this is going to be a really great song....

THE BRIDEGROOM

2 You are the most excellent of men
the Aramaic Targum, written 500 BC, has 'Thy beauty, O King Messiah, is great'
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you for ever.

3 Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendour and majesty.
the perfect son of man

4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

5 Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.
the majestic king of kings

6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.

7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.
and God over all (the trinity implied here)

8 All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

9 Daughters of kings are among your honoured women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.
beautiful and delightful in himself.

THE BRIDE

10 Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:
Forget your people and your father's house.

11 Let the king be enthralled by your beauty;
honour him, for he is your lord.

stunning: God sees us made fit for heaven by Christ, and he loves what he sees.

12 The city of Tyre will come with a gift,
people of wealth will seek your favour.

13 All glorious is the princess within her chamber;
her gown is interwoven with gold.

14 In embroidered garments she is led to the king;

clothed with the beauty of Christ, we come to him
her virgin companions follow her –
those brought to be with her.
15 Led in with joy and gladness,
they enter the palace of the king.
in the presence of the king there is only joy

16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will make them princes throughout the land.
17 I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.
and great blessing, now and for always.

What an amazing picture of the close loving relationship we have been brought/bought into with
Jesus!

And it's all '[Because of You](#)' Praise His name!

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