

Praise to the Bridegroom-King!

Psalm 45

“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, because I have promised you in marriage to one husband—to present a pure virgin to Christ. But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

- 2 Corinthians 11:2-3, CSB

The splendor of the
King (verses 2-9).

“Only gracious men are qualified to fight in
God’s kingdom.”

- Jonathan Gibson

“This paradox is consistent with the incarnation, but mystifying in any other context. It is an example of Old Testament language bursting its banks, to demand a more than human fulfillment.”

- Derek Kidner

“Some see here Solomon and Pharaoh’s daughter only—they are short-sighted. Others see Solomon and Christ—they are cross-eyed. Well-focused spiritual eyes see here Jesus only.”

- Charles Spurgeon

“A joyless life would have been a sinful life.
Jesus experienced deep, habitual joy.”

- Donald Macleod

Let us pray together...

Lord, Isaiah 33:17 says, “Your eyes will see the king in his beauty”—and in this psalm, with the eyes of faith, I can indeed see your Son humble and weak yet powerful and majestic. Only because he was both divine and human could your Son save me, and for that I am grateful forever. Amen.

The beauty of the
King's Bride (verses
10-15).

“God created the world to provide a spouse and a kingdom for his Son: and the setting up of the kingdom of Christ, and the spiritual marriage of the spouse to him, is what the whole creation labors and travails in pain to bring to pass.”

- Jonathan Edwards

The fruitfulness of the
King's marriage,
(verses 16-17).

Let us pray together...

Lord Jesus, you look on us as a spouse and lover, with passionate love and delight. I praise you that you can love like that, but I confess that I do not live like someone who is loved like that. Make it a truth that controls how I act every day. Amen.