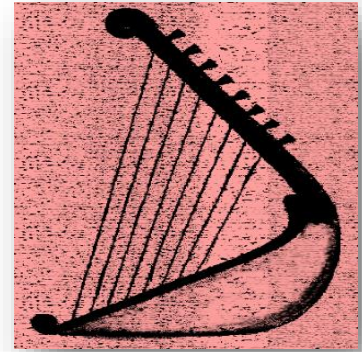


PSALM 45 vs 1

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Title: various titles mark this royal wedding Psalm; for the sons of Korah, Maschil – upon the lilies; possibly a middle east reference to the musical tune. Special singers are appointed for this hymn. **The Messiah King** deserves to be praised not with random rantings, but with the finest, most skillful music of the best songsters. This is a love song, not a carnal, sentimental song, but of eternal love fit for heaven above.



Divisions: The Psalm begins with a declared intention, and adoration for the matchless Messiah (1-2); then He is addressed in ascriptions of praise and in remembrance of their faith (3-9); then words to the bride (10-12); the great congregation (13-15); and closes with another address to the King (13-17) – Charles Spurgeon.

For the Chief musician, Set to the Lilies

A Contemplation. A love song of the sons of Korah

¹ My heart overflows with a matter: I recite my composition to the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

² You are fairer than the children of men: grace flows from Your lips: on this God has blessed you forever.

Think about it: It is a good matter, the goodspell, the gospel; the Psalm about the mystical union between Christ and the church, which sets forth so much truth respecting the person and work of the Christ – truth more precious than gold and sweeter than the honeycomb – it is not silent – William Binnie,(1844)

³ Take your sword strapped on your thigh, Mighty One, in Your splendor and majesty.

⁴ And in majesty ride victoriously for the cause of truth, humility and rightness; and Your right hand will teach You awesome things.

⁵ Your sharp missiles pierce the people who fall under You -- once enemies of the King.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of rightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁷ You love rightness, and hate wrongness: so, on this O God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions.

⁸ Myrrh, and aloes, and cassia scent all Your garments, from the ivory palaces, the strings made you glad.

⁹ Daughters of the King are among your noble women: the queen stands at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

Think about it: The love of His life (His church), stands with Him. "Your Sword" the word of the Messiah is His weapon; it is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edge sword, which He uses with surgical precision, more powerful than any weapon on earth. He majestically advances to conquer and subdue, riding on truth, and on the meekness of rightness. He comes to vindicate the Word of God; the knowledge of truth depends on the word – George Harpur (1503-1558)

¹⁰ Listen, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people, and the house of your father;

¹¹ then the King will desire your beauty: and because He is your LORD; bow to Him.

¹² The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; the rich among the people will seek your favor.

Think about it: Don't go watching the world, they are watching you. Philosophy is the art of remembering; divinity includes the art of forgetting, Paul said, forgetting the past, I press on that I might know Christ. In our God there is a new people and household to know – Thomas Adams,(1701-1784)

¹³ All glorious is the royal daughter within: embroidered with gold is her clothing.

¹⁴ Robed in many colors, she will be brought to the King: the virgins -- her friends who follow her will be brought to You.

¹⁵ They will be led with gladness and rejoicing: they will enter the palace of the King.

Think about it: No marriage was ever consummated with such triumphal solemnity as the marriage of the Messiah to His people – John Flavel,(1627-1691)

¹⁶ In place of your fathers will be Your sons, You will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷ Your name will be remembered in all generations: upon this will the people praise You forever and ever.

Think about it: The Messiah is espousing to Himself a church, and gathering more and more from age to age by His word and Spirit, converting souls and bringing them into the fellowship of His family; giving them princely minds and affections – David Dickson,(1583-1662)

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