

This Pleasing Theme

A love song celebrating the marriage of the King

An Observation of Psalm 45

Christianity is “intensely personal and relational”⁴ (cf. Matt. 9:15; 2Cor. 11:1-3; Eph.5:32; Eze.16; Rev.19:7). The historical basis for this Psalm appears to be the marriage of Solomon with the daughter of the King of Egypt (cf. 1Kings 3:1). But of course such an event does not exhaust the significance of this breathtaking Psalm. What is the significance?

Introduction

v.1

The condition of the psalmist is seen in this verse. He is in the grip of something. Will you be in the same grip as a result of meditating on “this pleasing theme”?

Great theme

This Psalm is called “A love Song” or “a pleasing theme”.

Holy passion

This great theme should generate in us holy passion. Notice the descriptions of the psalmist. “heart overflows”, “tongue like the pen of a ready scribe”.

The Bridegroom

v.2-9

His beauty v.2

His power v.3-5

His character v.6,7

⁴ “How People Change” workbook; p.2.1

His glory v.8,9

The Bride

v.10-17

Her derived beauty v.10,11a

Her directed activity v.11b

Her desired position v.12

Her dazzling attire v.13

Her distinct privileges v.14-15

Her diverse posterity v.16

Her delightful purpose v.17

An Interpretation & Application of Psalm 45

Let's think about what this has to do with us (that is, the church)?

- ◆ THE PLEASING THEME: Luke 2:10 tells us that the gospel is “good news of great joy”. This Psalm is given to the King. This Psalm is spoken passionately; from the heart through the lips with power and precision.
- ◆ THE KINGLY STATURE: He is wooing (2) and warring (3). And all for the cause of “truth & meekness & righteousness”. Who is this? “God has blessed you forever” (compare Rom.9:5). “You throne, O God, is forever and ever” (compare Heb.1:7,8). “At your right hand stands the queen” (compare Eph.2:6).
- ◆ THE BRIDE'S ALLEGIANCE: “forget your people and your father's house” (compare Gen.2:24). “led to the king” (compare Gen.2:22; 2 Cor. 11:2; Phil.1:10; Eph.5:27)
- ◆ THE KING'S SONS: “your sons” (compare Heb.2:10,13) “in all the earth” (compare Rev.5:10)

QUESTIONS:

Would heaven be heaven if Christ weren't there? What is of supreme value in your life; God or gifts? What will tell (cf. Job 1-2)? Are you growing in intimate knowledge of the One to whom you are betrothed? What are some deceptive “lovers” in your life (cf. Jms. 4:4; 2Cor.11:3)? What are ways we can protect our fidelity with our heavenly bridegroom?