***The Beauty of King Jesus and His Bride (Ps. 45)***

1. Introduction
	1. Psalm 45 is the Father’s song over Jesus (Heb. 1:8). His heart overflows with a good theme (45:1).

1My heart is overflowing with a good theme…concerning the King…2You are fairer [beautiful] than the sons of men…6Your throne, O God, is forever…7You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God…has anointed You with the oil of gladness… (Ps. 45:1-7)

* 1. The Father sings of Jesus’ beauty. The Spirit is now emphasizing this theme in the body of Christ.

8To the Son He [Father] says: “Your throne, O God, is forever…9You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God…anointed You with the oil of gladness…” (Heb. 1:8-9)

1. Jesus is most beautiful
	1. The good theme is the story about the King and His beauty (45:2), His victory over the nations (45:3-5), His throne (45:6-7), His garments (45:8), His Bride (45:10-16), and His fame (45:17).

1My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King;
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. (Ps. 45:1-2)

* 1. ***Recite the composition***: He recites or declares his composition—Jesus’ story—to God and people.
	2. ***Grace is poured upon Your lips***:The grace on Jesus’ speech includes His tender words of love and comfort, His prophetic words that give His people direction, His intercession for His people and kingdom, and His powerful words releasing His miracles and judgment (Isa. 11:4; Rev. 19:15).
	3. ***God has blessed You***: He is favored with great influence because His speech agrees with God.
1. the beauty of Jesus at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Ps. 45:3-5)
	1. Jesus will be openly seen as the One more beautiful than all others in context to His activity when He destroys the Antichrist’s armies in the Armageddon campaign (Ps. 45:3-5; Rev. 19:11-21).

3Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One with Your glory and Your majesty. 4And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness…5Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; the peoples [nations] fall under You. (Ps. 45:3-5)

* 1. Jesus’ second coming will be in context to a military conflict around Jerusalem.

19The kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to make war against Him [Jesus]…
20The Beast [Antichrist] was captured…21The rest were killed with the sword… (Rev. 19:19-21)

* 1. ***Because of truth, humility, and righteousness***: When Jesus wages war against the Antichrist,
	His actions will be motivated by and will produce truth, meekness, and righteousness.
1. Jesus will establish His kingdom and throne on earth
	1. Jesus rules, rewards righteousness, and is anointed with the oil of gladness (45:6-7).

6Your throne, O God, is forever…a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
7You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God…has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions. (Ps. 45:6-7)

* 1. All of His garments and deeds are beautiful as is His Bride (45:8-9). *The* *queen* may speak of “all of the redeemed” collectively, whereas *the daughters* may speak of believers as individuals.

8All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces,
by which they have made You glad. 9Kings’ daughters are among Your honorable women;
at Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. (Ps. 45:8-9)

* 1. The Father describes the Bride: her destiny, character, and response to Jesus (45:10-12).

10Listen, O daughter…incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father’s house; 11So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him. 12And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; the rich among the people will seek your favor.
(Ps. 45:10-12)

* + 1. The Father calls us to refuse to pursue various blessings when they conflict with His leadership and plans for us. Jesus spoke this very thing to His disciples (Lk. 14:25-26).

25Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” (Lk. 14:25-26)

* + 1. The exhortation is followed by a promise that the King will desire the beauty of her costly decision to follow Him. He is moved by the self-surrender and dependence of His people.
		2. The daughter of the proud and opulent Tyre speaks of the richest among the peoples who will invest extravagant financial gifts in the kingdom as expressions of their gratitude to Jesus.
	1. The Father describes aspects of the great wedding (45:13-15). The Bride is all glorious within the palace and beautiful to the King.

13The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; her clothing is woven with gold.
14She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; the virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
they shall enter the King’s palace. (Ps. 45:13-15)

* 1. Jesus’ disciples in the new covenant will walk in far greater glory than the patriarchs in the old covenant (45:16). The Father promises to exalt Jesus with great honor forever (45:17).

16Instead of Your fathers [Abraham, David, etc.] shall be Your sons, whom You shall make princes in all the earth. 17I [the Father] will make Your [Jesus’] name to be remembered
in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever. (Ps. 45:16-17)