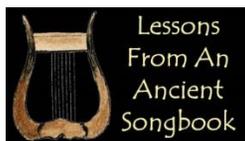


Wedding Music

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When was the last time you attended a wedding? What aspects of the wedding helped you give thanks to God?



Songs have a way of lifting us up in joyful celebration...and Psalm 45 does this by commemorating a royal wedding. But it also points us to Jesus. Here is the structure of this song...

- **Introduction** a wedding song - v. 1
- **The royal groom** address - vv. 2-5 glory of the groom - vv. 6-9
- **The royal bride** address - vv. 10-12 glory of the bride - vv. 13-15
- **Conclusion** a wedding legacy - vv. 16-17

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On the surface, Psalm 45 is a wedding hymn or benediction. What does it teach us about joyful celebration?

As a song for a royal wedding, what expectations does this Psalm reflect for life in a good society? (vv. 2-9)

What had God promised to David concerning his royal line? See II Samuel 7:8-17

How should believers today trust God to establish righteousness in our society today?

Though this was a royal or national wedding, there is also indication that it was a loving one.

How do verses 10-14 celebrate marriage?

What does verse 15 reveal about the principle of “leaving and cleaving” (see also Genesis 2:24)?

Below the surface, Psalm 45 is a song which expects the promised Redeemer, or Messiah.

How does verse 6 and 17 reflect Israel’s hope in an eternal King? Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What does this tell us about the promise of the Messiah, Jesus?

How do we see this promise of Messiah fulfilled? See Luke 1:26-33.

Some reflections from Psalm 45 help us think about what this song says to our lives today. Discuss the following...

- ***Weddings are worship events - Ephesians 5:32***

We don’t co-opt a wedding ceremony when we focus on bringing praising God. In fact, weddings must be Gospel centered.

How can Christian weddings be more focused on worshipping God?

- ***Dominionism does not solve secularism - I Peter 2:4-9***

Jesus made it clear His kingdom is “not of this world” (John 18:36) yet the kingdom of heaven has come near to us (Matthew 4:17). Peter declared that believers are not physically conquering society, but a spiritually overcoming community – by declaring Jesus through embodying the Gospel.

Can you identify ways in which being spiritually transformed challenges the values of our society?

- ***God is covenant keeping - Hebrews 1:1-9***

in Jesus we do not have a human king, appointed by God. Rather, we have the King of Kings, glorified and enthroned! Friends...if God keeps covenant to bring Jesus as *Redeemer*, He will be faithful to bring Jesus again as *Restorer* of all He has planned for eternity!

Do you trust God to keep His promises? Do you thank Him when He does?

REFLECT

Take some time to reflect on the peace that comes from God’s eternal nature. You could listen to [“Thy Throne O God”](#) by Kelly Willard

We can complain about our political leaders...or we can obey the command of I Timothy 2:1-2 and pray for them! Read David Guretzki’s article, [Seven principles of praying for political leaders](#).