

## *The Song of the Father (Ps 45) part 2*

### I. THE SONG OF THE FATHER

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

- A. In the first chapter in the book of Hebrews the author of Hebrews gives us insight into the conversation within the trinity and sheds light on Psalm 45. According to Hebrews the Psalm is written from the perspective of the Father.

*8 But to the Son he says; “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom..” (Heb 1:8)*

*6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom... (Ps 45:6)*

- B. *A good theme, I recite my composition concerning the King:* The Father’s heart overflows with a good theme. That good theme is the beauty of Jesus, His perfect leadership and an age old plan of a royal wedding. (*The Great Mystery in Eph 5*) In the book, Song of Solomon, we see a lot of the perspective of the bride and the bridegroom. In Psalm 45 we get the perspective and heart of the Father.

### II. THE THEME.. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS

*1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (Ps 45:1)*

- A. *You are fairer than the sons of men:* The composition begins with the declaration of the beauty of the Son. To be captivated by the beauty of Jesus is why the human heart was created. This is the theme of this song (Psalm 45) and it is to be the theme of our lives as it is the theme of the Father’s heart. “You are fairer” is the all encompassing phrase communicating the conclusion of the matter that Jesus is far above all the sons of men. He is totally other than and set apart. He is Holy. This is the theme of this Song and one of the primary themes in the entire Word of God.

*10My beloved is white and ruddy chief among ten thousand. 11His head [leadership] is like the finest gold; His locks are wavy...12His eyes are like doves...13His cheeks [emotions] are like a bed of spices...His lips are lilies...14His hands [works of power] are rods of gold... His body is carved ivory...15His legs are pillars of marble...His countenance is like Lebanon...16His mouth is most sweet, Yes, He is altogether lovely. (Song 5:10-16)*

- B. Song 5:10-16 is the greatest poetic description of Jesus' beauty in Scripture. It focuses on His *leadership* (power and plans), *personality* (mind and emotions), and *deeds* (works of His hands). In this passage, the Bride conveyed ten aspects of the King's beauty. She described ten parts of the human body using agricultural images together with references to Solomon's temple. She was familiar with agricultural images and she referenced the temple of Solomon.
- C. The Bride began with a general statement of the King's incomparable beauty (5:10), then went on to develop ten attributes of His excellencies (5:11-15), and ended with a summary statement (5:16). Let's briefly look at the first 5 of these attributes.

1. **White:** The word *white* is translated as "radiant" (NIV) and "dazzling" (NASB). Some suggest this refers to His deity as "the God with jasper-like glory" or brilliance (Rev. 4:3).
2. **Ruddy:** He is ruddy, or red (1 Sam. 16:12). This points to Jesus' humanity. He understands our difficulty because He endured great suffering as a man (Heb. 2:14-17; 4:14-16).

*15For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15)*

3. **Chief among ten thousand:** This is a metaphor denoting His incomparable superiority.
4. **Head like the finest Gold:** Jesus' head speaks of His sovereign leadership over creation. Gold speaks of Jesus' divine nature—it has tremendous value and is very rare. This refers to the highest degree of quality and excellence. Finest gold has no mixture. His golden headship or sovereignty has no impurity in it. Nothing can be added to it. It cannot be improved. There is no deficiency in His love, wisdom, power, or kindness. When we are in difficulty, our confession is, "His head is finest gold. His leadership over my life is perfect.
5. **His locks are wavy and black as a raven:** Jesus' hair here speaks of His dedication to God and His people being eternally vigorous. The Nazirite vow forbade the cutting of their hair—it was a sign of dedication to God (Num. 6). Paul spoke of hair in the context of showing dedication to God's authority (1 Cor. 11:5, 6, 15). **Wavy and black:** Wavy or thick black hair speaks of the hair of a young man in the prime of life, in contrast to an old man whose hair has lost its vitality and fullness—gray and balding. Black hair here speaks symbolically of Jesus' youthful, energetic, vigorous strength. His dedication is also strong and energetic, and it will never wear out, diminish, or change. God has no bad moods. We never have to be concerned if it is a good time to approach God

### III. GRACE IS POURED UPON HIS LIPS (Ps 45:2)

***2 You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. (Ps 45:2)***

- A. All things are upheld by the word of His power. The original Greek word translated “upholding” is (*pheron*) a present active participle of the verb (*phero*). The “upholding” is a continual process. He is currently actively involved in the sustaining of all things. All created order is in held in place by the perpetual word of Jesus.

***3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power... (Heb 1:3)***

- B. Grace is the unmerited favor of God upon our hearts, minds, relationships, and circumstances... etc. Grace teaches, empowers and instructs us to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, helps us to life soberly, righteously, and godly in the present evil age. It is this grace that is poured upon His lips. It is this grace that is imparted with every word He speaks.

***For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present evil age. (Titus 2:11-12)***

- C. In John 6, Peter tells Jesus, “You have the words of life to where else could we go?” Peter had ears to hear these life giving words and declares there are no other options for getting this life giving message. His words are our manna from heaven and He is our daily bread. Live and life are mentioned 17 times in this passage.

***66 from that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:66-68)***

- D. We see two different responses to this life filled message given by Jesus:

1. ***“Went back and walked with Him no more”***: there is a group that went back... they went home returning to their former way of lifeless living no longer walking with the Life giver no longer hearing those words filled with grace and truth.
2. ***“Lord, to whom shall we go?”***: There is a group that sees no other path but to stay with the one who speaks with grace upon His lips. They have found life and they are convinced there no alternative to attaining that life apart from Jesus. There is not a plan B nor do they desire a backup plan for they are all in as they have heard the words of the Life giver.

#### IV. WITH A WORD

- A. With a word Created Order Obeys: “Peace be still”

*Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (Mk 4:39)*

- B. With a word He delivers the demonized: “Come out”

*23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out 24 saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are - the Holy One of God!” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying “Be quiet, and come out of him!” (Mk 1:23-25)*

*8 For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” (Mk 5:8)*

- C. With a word He heals the body: “Rise, take up your bed and walk”

*43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.” (Jn 11:43)*

*8 Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. (Jn 5:8)*

- D. With a word He restores and mends the heart: “Feed my sheep”

*17 He said to him a third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep...” (Jn 21:17)*

- E. With a word He forgives and changes eternal destiny: “Your sins are forgiven”

*48 Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” (Lk 7:48)*

*41 ...“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” 43 And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:42-43)*

- F. With a word He vindicates the sincere: “Let her alone”

*6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone.” (Mk 14:6)*