The Song of the Father (Ps 45) part 3

- I. WHO, WHAT, HOW, AND WHY
 - 3 <u>Gird Your sword</u> upon Your thigh, <u>O Mighty One</u>, With Your <u>glory and Your majesty</u>. 4 And in Your majesty <u>ride prosperously</u> because of <u>truth</u>, <u>humility</u>, <u>and righteousness</u>; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You. (Ps 45:3-5)
 - **A.** O Mighty One: (who?) The instruction given in verse three, is given, to the "Mighty One." Here the Father highlights the might of His Son by calling His Son "O Mighty One." The "Almighty" is one of the names of God highlighted in the book of Revelation as His might and the strength of His arm will put on display when He returns. The revelation of the might of Jesus is of premier importance for believers now and increasing in importance as we approach that day.
 - 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8)
 - 2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name.... 3 They sing the song of Moses... and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgements have been manifested." (Rev 15:2-4)
 - 7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord <u>God Almighty</u>, true and righteous are Your judgments. (Rev 16:7)
 - 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the wine press of the fierceness o and wrath of <u>Almighty God</u>. (Rev 19:15)
 - **B.** <u>Gird Your sword...(and ride)</u>: (what?) What is the Mighty One instructed to do? To gird His sword upon His thigh. To gird the sword upon the thigh is to make ready for battle and to prepare for the time of action draws near. In addition to girding the sword the Son is instructed "to ride" that is to go forth in advancement in the purposes of God with divine intervention. The ultimate expression of this is the Son on a white horse literally riding forth at His return.
 - 1 Oh, That You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence. (Is 64:1)

- 11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war... (Rev 19:11)
- C. <u>With Your glory and majesty... ride prosperously</u>: (how?) When the Lord goes forth, He will go forth, in glory and majesty and He will prosper. For the increase of His government and peace there will be no end (Is 9). He will prevail in the assignment given by the Father.
 - 6 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (Ps 96:6)
 - 7 Of the <u>increase of His government</u> and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of host will perform this. (Is 9:7)
- **D.** Because of truth, humility, and righteousness: (why?) the Son will confront three arenas of darkness when He rides forth. He will confront the liar, the arrogant, and the unrighteous. Of all the noble reasons the Son could ride forth He is instructed to do so in these three aspects (truth, humility, and righteousness) to directly address these specific arenas of darkness. These arenas of darkness will increase in intensity and their stronghold in the generation the Lord returns.

II. TRUTH

- **A.** The Son is instructed to ride forth on behalf of truth for there are age old lies and a growing deception that will abound in the generation the Lord returns. These lies and deceptions will lead many astray from the truth of who Jesus is and what He wants.
 - 3...tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. (Mt 24:3-4)
- **B.** According to the book of Romans 1, the <u>suppressing of truth</u> is the first step in a chain reaction that ultimately leads to a debased mind and practicing "those things which are not fitting" (Rom 1:28) and "those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do they do the same but also approve of those who practice them." (Rom 1:32)

Romans 1: the process leading to a debased mind

suppression of truth (vs 18) adarkened heart (vs 20) God gives them up to uncleanness (vs 24)

- exchanged the truth of God for the lie (vs 25) God gives them up to vile passions (vs 26)
- they did not like to retain God in their knowledge (vs 28) God gives them over to a debased mind (vs 28) the practicing of those things which are not fitting

- C. Humanistic "truth" is abounding in the culture today. We are encouraged to "be true to oneself" to "embrace *your* truth" to reject Biblical doctrine with "that's not *my* truth" as if truth is a subjective experience per an individual. Humanistic and narcissistic ideologies are leading many astray into the vanity and idolatry of self worship.
- **D.** The Lord knows the truth about every man, every situation, every motive... everything. He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart as all things are laid bare before His eyes. When He looks to the depths of who we are He desires truth to be found there.
 - 2 But we know that the judgement of God is <u>according to truth</u> against those who practice such things. (Rom 2:2)
 - 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is <u>a discerner of the the thoughts and intents of the heart</u>. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are.. <u>open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account</u>. (Heb 4:12-13)
 - 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts... (Ps 51:6)
- E. One of the lies that the Lord will be confronting is "He is slack concerning His promises" meaning He wont do what He says he will do. They interpret the Lord's delay in intervention as the Lord being untrue to His word. They do not have eyes to see the redemptive purpose in the delay. However, He will not delay forever.
 - 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness; but is long suffering... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Pet 3:9)
- F. The lord will ride forth on behalf of the truth, of who He is, establishing the truth of what He wants. He will display who He is as the only way, the truth, and the life. He will intervene and render judgment on behalf of the truth. He will have a people that joyfully agree with His judgments and declare that they are "true and righteous."

III. HUMILITY

- **A.** The Son will ride forth prosperously because the Father has seen His Son's humility and there is a coming day of exaltation. It is the way of the kingdom. The Fathers eyes look to the one "who is poor and of a contrite spirit.." (Is 66:2) and the things done in secret will be openly rewarded.
 - 8 And being found in appearance as a man, <u>He humbled Himself</u> and became obedient to the point of death... 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name... (Phil 2:8-9)

- **B.** The Son will ride forth in humility confronting the proud arrogant boasters. He will confront those who have given themselves over to the way of the world who follow the pompous words spoken by the Antichrist. It's a vain thing to set oneself up against the Lord and His Christ.
 - 1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed... (Ps 2:1-2)
 - 8 ... And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth <u>speaking pompous</u> words. (Dan 7:8)
 - 1 For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up.. (Mal 4:1)
- C. The Son will ride forth on behalf of those who have walked in humility and meekness. He resist the proud but gives grace to the humble. The Lord looks for those who walk as He walks. He says learn from me for I am gentle and lowly in heart. (Mt 11)
 - 11 <u>But the meek shall inherit the earth</u>, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (Ps 37:11)
 - 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Mt 5:5)

IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS

- **A.** The Son will ride forth on behalf of His righteousness, confronting those that have chosen unrighteousness and vindicating those who have stood for righteousness in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation.
 - the kings of the earth.. (say) "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cash away their cords from us." (Ps 2:3)
 - 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (Mt 24:12)
 - 2 But to you who fear My name the <u>Sun of Righteousness</u> shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. (Mal 4:2)
- **B.** The Lord will set the wrong things <u>right</u>. He will bring all created order into agreement with His heart and His ways. He will bring forth everlasting righteousness.
 - 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness... (Ps 45:7-8)