

The Song of the Father (Ps 45) part 4

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I. REVIEW (PS 45:3-4)

3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; 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. The Son, the Mighty One, is instructed by the Father to “Gird Your sword.. and ride prosperously.” 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.
- B. The Son is instructed to go forth in *three specific areas*:
 - 1. **Truth:** 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. Many men have suppressed and exchanged the truth of God for the lie. (Rom 1)
 - 2. **Humility:** 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. 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)
 - 3. **Righteousness:** Jesus will go forth as the “Sun of Righteousness” with healing in His wings addressing the lawless ones that abounded that lead to love growing cold. He will vindicate those who have chosen to walk in agreement with His ways.

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS DEFINED

- A. ***Righteousness:*** Being in “right standing” with God in terms of character and conduct. As it relates to individuals walking in righteousness there are two broad aspects:
1. ***Positional (Justification):*** This is our legal standing before God. Christ righteousness has fully been imputed (credited) to us through faith not works. We have right standing before God now because of faith in the blood of Jesus. (Rom 5:1)
 2. ***Practical (Sanctification):*** Living according to the design of God and having the likeness and the ways of Christ having their way in our mind, will, and emotions. (1 John 3:7)
- B. ***Agreement with the Maker:*** When I think of righteousness I think of agreement with the makers design. As humans, we are designed to function in such a way that brings joy, freedom, peace, gladness, satisfaction...etc. The design of God for humans is to “be fruitful and multiply, walk with God in the cool of the day, to be His image bearers, to tend and keep the garden, to till the ground, and to have dominion of the earth...etc. Righteousness is agreement with the purpose and design of the Creator.
- C. ***Distorting the Design:*** Unrighteousness is the distortion of the design. The twisting of the purpose of the creator and making it in man’s own image. From marriage, sexuality, authority, leadership, finances, speech, beauty, family, marketplace...etc. Every sphere of our lives has a design and purpose of God. The devil twist and distorts these spheres just enough to lead down a road that ultimately rejects the original design and leads to pain, bondage, rage, dissatisfaction. This is the ultimate fruit of unrighteousness and walking against the design of the maker.

III. RULING THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS (vs7)

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 45:6-7)

- A. ***Your throne, O God, is forever and ever:*** This is the verse that the Father points to in Hebrews 1. One of the themes of the book of Hebrew is the supremacy of Christ. It is not a coincidence that the verse, from Psalm 45, that gets quoted is this one regarding the eternal throne. In Psalm 2, the Father says “***Yet I have set My King on my holy hill of Zion***” speaking of His Son’s rule. The “setting” of the King is assured, established, and forever.
- B. ***A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom:*** A scepter is a royal staff or rod held by a king as a symbol of authority, power, and rule. It represents the right to govern and the character of the ruler’s reign. “A scepter of righteousness” means that the foundation and standard of Christ’s rule is righteousness or agreement with the design of God for created order

- C. **You love righteousness and hate wickedness:** As a man, Jesus loves and celebrates the design of the Father. He has full agreement in every aspect and in every way. He loves righteousness. He loves and enjoys those who pursue righteousness. Those who make their aim to function as they were created to function bring great delight and joy to the heart of the King.

IV. ANOINTED WITH GLADNESS

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions

- A. There is a correlation between Jesus' love for righteousness and Him being anointed with the "oil of gladness." He loves righteousness, **therefore** He is anointed with this gladness. Anointing with oil was a sacred act used to set people apart for a specific purpose of God, including, kings, priest, and prophets... Jesus is anointed as King, Priest and prophet and it's His gladness that sets Him apart "***more than Your companions.***" He has the most gladness within Him, more than any man ever to walk the earth.

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3 to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness; the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. (Is 61:1-3)

- B. The call to live righteously, is the call to be in agreement with the way we are designed to function. We are at our optimum as human beings when we are doing that which we were created to do. When we agree with this design there is harmony, union, peace, and gladness ensues. Jesus started the sermon on the mount with "Happy are you." He says this eight times and points towards His way being the way that brings joy. He says in Matthew 11, "Take my yoke upon you... and you will find rest for your souls. For my burden is easy and my yoke is light"

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; (Ps 19:8)

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. (Ps 119:14)

16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. (Ps 119:16)

24 Your testimonies are my delight and my counselors. (Ps 119: 24)

92 Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished... (Ps 119:92)

143 Trouble... (has) overtaken me, yet Your commandments are my delights (Ps 119:143)

V. GARMENTS OF MYRRH, ALOES, AND CASSIA

8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. (Ps 45:6-8)

- A. **All Your Garments:** The garments of Christ are not merely His clothing. In the Word His garments speak and point to a specific revelation of Christ. In Psalm 104, He is wrapped in garments of Light speaking of His Holy transcendent nature. In Luke 2, He is wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger pointing toward the incarnation and Jesus being fully man. In Psalm 45 we have garments with the fragrance of myrrh, pointing toward the cross and the suffering servant. In Isaiah 63 we read of His garments dripping with blood showing Jesus as the Judge of the nation. His garments speak of who He is all through the word of God.
- B. **Myrrh/Aloes:** In the Bible myrrh carries a symbolic meaning. Pointing to suffering, sacrifice, and death as it was used to embalm a body during burial. According to Isaiah 53, Jesus “is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows acquainted with grief...” and He is our “High Priest who can sympathize with us in our weakness” (Heb 4) The truth that we have a King who knows pain and suffering makes His judgements all that more trustworthy. In Revelation 5, He is worthy to take the scroll and loose its seals because He is the slain lamb. His garments of myrrh is part of what qualifies Him to be King of Kings and exercise dominion on the earth.

39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. (Jn 19:39-40)

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness... 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:14-16)

9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...” (Rev 5:9)

- C. **Out of the ivory palaces by which they have made you glad:** the man of sorrows is “made glad” because of the fragrance and aroma of those singing and playing in agreement with who He is.

“... from ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad.” (Ps 45:8 ESV)