

## PSALM 45

### A royal psalm

*Appreciating the glory of union with Israel's King*

#### PREPARATION:

*Carefully read Psalm 45 seeking to answer these questions about the text:*

1. What does the psalmist say about himself in anticipation of his song? (v. 1) The psalmist indicates that his words are to be addressed to whom? (v. 1) What observation does the psalmist make first about the king? (v. 2)
2. What is the king urged to do in v. 3-5? He goes forth for the cause of what three things? (v. 4)
3. In v. 6, the king is called what? What does the psalmist say about the king's throne and the king's scepter? What is the king's attitude toward righteousness and lawlessness? (v. 7) Consequently, what has the Lord done to him?
4. How is the king attired? (v. 8) Describe his dwelling place.
5. Who is among the king's noble ladies? (v. 9) How is his queen adorned?
6. In v. 10 it appears that the psalmist addresses the daughter of another king. What does he urge her to do? How does he urge her to act toward the king? (v. 11) What will be the result of her marriage to the king? (v. 12)

7. Now in v. 13-14 the psalmist describes the king's daughter who has agreed to marry the king of Israel. How is she described? What is the spirit of those who accompany her? (v. 15)
8. What will come forth from the union of these two in marriage? (v. 16) What positions will they occupy?
9. Consequently the king's name will be remembered for how long? What will the peoples do to the king?

**KEY QUESTION:**

**Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.**

**FOR CLASS  
DISCUSSION:**



**Historical and cultural setting**

1. In what setting might a psalm with this content have been used?
2. What is conveyed by the personal and material descriptions of the king and the daughter who comes to be his bride?



**What does this psalm tell us about God?**

**How does this psalm point to Jesus? (Heb. 1:8-9; Eph. 5:22-33)**

**How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?**

