

## PSALM 45

**M**y heart gushes to action, Messiah's in sight; my tongue is a stylus, hasty to write.

- 2 More beautiful brighter, than all Adam's race; blessed by God forever, your lips pour forth grace.
- 3 Strap weapon on thigh, fulfil all your duty; champion honored, with glory and beauty.
- 4 Send glory and dispatch, words true meek and right; your right hand will shoot forth, with reverence and might.
- 5 Messiah's sharp arrows, pierce hearts of his foes; all tribes fall beneath him, in anguish and woe.
- 6 Your throne O God, stands safe for all time; the Branch You have chosen, to rule is the right.
- 7 Messiah loves justice, and hates what is vile; so your God—O god, anoints you with oil.
- 8 Your raiment smells aloes, cassia and myrrh; temples of ivory, cause your heart to stir.
- 9 The royal Branch, precious and bold; standing strong as a queen, in African gold.
- 10 Listen O Branch, let your ear never tire; to forget your tribes, or the house of your Sire.
- 11 Messiah longed for your beauty, grows more and more; you are the one, whom all will adore.
- 12 The Branch and the rock, an offering for grace; enriching the nations, with suffering face.
- 13 The King the Branch, magnify his face; clothed with light, like a golden place.
- 14 Messiah in majesty, all colors to tell; separated nations, will come forth as well.
- 15 With joy and rejoicing, he leads forth to home; comes as Messiah, unto his great throne.
- 16 Beneath the Father, beneath His Son; all earth is ruled, yes every one.
- 17 His name be remembered, to each generation; set over the people, eternal jubilation.

## Background

This Psalm has the title “A Song of loves.” It includes a section on the king (verses 2-8) and a section on the queen (verses 9-16). Some think it refers to Hezekiah and his wife Hephzi-bah (II Kings 21:1; Isaiah 62:4). Yet Isaiah 62 is full of references to the coming Messiah who fulfills that “salvation cometh” for the “redeemed of the Lord” (Isaiah 62:11,12). And Isaiah 62:5 says: “as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.” Jesus Christ was the bridegroom for Israel and spoke of himself in parables to that end (Matthew 9:15; 25:1,5,6,10; Mark 2:19,20; Luke 5:34,35; John 3:29).

This Psalm is one of the most obvious prophecies about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Verses 6 and 7 are quoted in Hebrews 1:8,9 to show that Jesus Christ as God’s Messiah is greater in authority than the angels. Note the structure of Hebrews 1:

### Verses 1,2

God has spoken in these last time by way of His Son, Jesus Christ

### Verses 3,4

As **the Messiah at God’s right hand, Jesus Christ has more authority** (a greater name) than any angel

### **Old Testament quotations to prove this:**

#### Verse 5

Psalms 2:7: “I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.” JESUS CHRIST IS A PERSON, GOD’S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, NOT A SPIRIT BEING LIKE AND ANGEL

**II Samuel 7:14:** “I will be his father, and he shall be my son.” GOD WOULD LITERALLY BE THE MESSIAH’S FATHER

#### Verse 6

Deuteronomy 32:43 (Septuagint): “let all the angels of God worship him.” THE MESSIAH IS SECOND IN AUTHORITY UNDER GOD, THEREFORE ANGELS GIVE HIM THAT HONOR

#### Verse 7

Psalms 104:4: “Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.” ANGELS ARE SPIRIT BEINGS WHO MINISTER FOR GOD

#### Verses 8,9

Psalms 45:6,7: “Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” THE MESSIAH’S THRONE IS FOREVER. HIS GOD HAS ANOINTED HIM AS THE MESSIAH

#### Verses 10-12

Psalms 102:25-27: “Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a

garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.” GOD IS THE AUTHORITY OVER ALL. HE IS THE CREATOR AND THE SAME FOR ALL TIME.

### Verse 13

Psalms 110:1: “The Lord [*Jehovah*, God] said unto my Lord [*adon*, the Messiah], **Sit thou at my right hand**, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.” GOD THE CREATOR GAVE HIS AUTHORITY TO HIS SON, SO THAT THE MESSIAH IS LORD OVER ALL THINGS, INCLUDING ANGELS

The Psalm includes a postscript “for the sons of Korah.” Regarding the sons of Korah, **I Chronicles 9:19** says: “And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, **the son of Korah, and his brethren**, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle*: and their fathers, *being over the host of the Lord, were keepers of the entry*.” They were responsible for service in the tabernacle and later the Temple. The postscript also includes “upon Alamoah,” which relates to maidens.

### Structure

**(Verse 1)** David’s joy at writing of the coming Messiah  
**(Verses 2-9)** Messiah’s majesty and authority under God  
**(Verses 10-16)** Messiah’s bride and blessings under him  
**(Verse 17)** David’s joy at writing of the coming Messiah

### Key Scriptures

**Verse 1**—“I speak of the things which I have made touching the king.” I speak of the actions of the great king, the Messiah.

**Verse 2**—“grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.” This can be said of Jesus Christ who brought “grace and truth” (John 1:17).

**Verse 6**—“Thy throne, O God [*Elohim*], *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.” This refers to the Messiah as “O God.” This use of the Hebrew word *Elohim* referring to men is found in other Old Testament records. Moses is called by this title in **Exodus 7:1**: “And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god [*Elohim*] to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.” It refers to judges of Israel in **Exodus 22:28**: “Thou shalt not revile the gods [*Elohim*], nor curse the ruler of thy people.” In **John 10:34**, “Jesus answered them, **Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?**” He was quoting **Psalms 82:6**, which says: “I have said, *Ye are gods* [*Elohim*]; and all of you *are* children of the most High.” All of these uses of *Elohim* refer to men, just as Psalm 45:6 refers to the Messiah, also a man.

**Verse 7**—“therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee.” The word for “anointed” is *mashach*, which gives us the word Messiah, anointed one. This verse refers to Jesus Christ, according to

Hebrews 1:9. The phrase, “therefore God [*Elohim*], thy God [*Elohim*] ” could be addressing the Messiah as “God” as explained above in verse 6. Or it could be saying that God is the Messiah’s God. Either way, Jesus Christ is a man and not the Creator.

**Verse 17**—“I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations.” This is true of Jesus Christ.