

Rabbi's Reflections - Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Shalom {{firstName}},

Psalms
Psalm 45:4(3) – Part 2

Psalm 45:4 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and your majesty.

Yesterday, as we studied verse 3, we were introduced to a man, “the most handsome of the sons of men.” What kind of “man” is this? Today we learn that He is mighty in His own splendor (Ho'de'cha) and majesty (Ha'da're'cha). These are two words that are used throughout Scripture to describe God. In fact, we will see tomorrow, as we study verse 5, that this “man” is actually called “Elohim” (God).

“Hod” in Hebrew is defined as “splendor, majesty, light & glory which God wears as king.” This is the glory (Hod) of the One Who is most beautiful (in the previous verse) and blessed by God for all eternity. Hod speaks of visible and moral splendor—radiant greatness that evokes both awe and delight. This is followed by God's majesty (Ha'dar) meaning magnificence, splendor in the sense of beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, goodly, honor, and majesty.

It is easy to see how complimentary these words are to each other. They work together to describe the beauty, glory and majesty of the King of kings, Who we will soon see is on his throne for all eternity. **Psalm 29:1b Ascribe to Adonai, O sons of God, ascribe to Adonai glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to Adonai the glory of His Name. Bow down to Adonai in the beauty of holiness.** Read all of Psalm 29 to get a sense of the splendor being described here. Shalom shalom.

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