

Preparing for Our King's Return Part-2

Last week we looked at the “**The Glories of the Messiah**” in Psalm 45:1-8. As I said then, today we’ll look at “**The Glories of the Bride**,” which of course is the Bride of Christ, His Body.” **The Passion Translation** intro to this psalm says, “Many believe this was the wedding song composed for Solomon as he married the princess of Egypt. But the language is so lofty and glorious that we see one greater than Solomon in its verses. This is a song of the wedding of Jesus and His Bride, the church.”

Her Royal Majesty

*Psa. 45:9-17 TPT “The daughters of kings, women of honor, are maidens in Your courts. And standing beside You, glistening in Your pure and golden glory, is the beautiful **bride-to-be** (or “queen”)!”*

Notice the setting – the courts of a King. *Eph. 2:4-6 TPT read, “But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. 5. Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, He united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by His wonderful grace! 6. He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now **co-seated*** as one with Christ! *TPT: “To be “placed” or “seated” in heaven means we have been given the perfection and authority to be there.”*

The Importance of Forgetting About Your Past

45:10. *“Now listen, daughter, pay attention, and forget about your past. Put behind you every attachment in the familiar, even those who once were close to you!” We must separate from sin!*

11. *“For your royal Bridegroom is ravished by your **beautiful brightness***. Bow in reverence before Him, for He is your Lord!*

***WW** “**Beauty**” *yophi* “Splendor, brightness, fairness; perfect in physical form; flawless in symmetry. In Ezekiel 16:14-15, the beauty that God bestowed upon Israel was so extraordinary that it became famous around the world. Zion is called “*the perfection of beauty.*” Zion is God’s dwelling place. As the temple of the Holy Spirit, we are God’s dwelling place – “*the perfection of beauty.*” **Beauty then. What about Zion now?!**

12. “*Wedding presents pour in from **those of great wealth.***” *The royal friends of the Bridegroom shower you with gifts.*” ***Note:** The Hebrew text is literally “*the daughter of Tyre.*” This was symbolic of the merchants of the earth, those possessing great wealth.” **SFLB note:** “Those who become the Bride of Christ also receive gifts - Mark 10:29-30 **NKJV:** “*So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters of father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, **30** who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.”*”

Eph. 4:7-8 **TPT** “*And He has generously given each one of us **supernatural grace**, according to the size of the gift of Christ. **8.** This is why he says, “He ascends into the heavenly heights taking His many captured ones with Him (or “He captured captivity”), and **gifts were given to men** (or “men were given as gifts”).*”

Speaking of Gifts!

Rom. 5:17 **TPT** “*Death once held us in its grip, & by the blunder of one man, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace & continue reigning as kings in life, **enjoying our regal freedom through the gift of perfect righteousness** (or “the gift of covenant membership”) in*

the One and only Jesus, the Messiah!” Who is more free than a king? We are freed by Christ’s righteousness!

45:13. *“As the princess Bride enters the palace, how glorious she appears within the holy chamber, robed with a wedding dress embroidered with pure gold!”* **14.** *“Lovely and stunning she leads the procession with all her **bridesmaids*** as they come before You, her Bridegroom King.”* **“Or “virgins.”* **2 Cor. 11:2 TPT**
Paul’s imagery of church: *“For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin for Christ.”*

Rev.19:6-9 TPT The Spiritual Preparation of the Bride for the Marriage of the Lamb, Jesus Christ *“Then I heard what seemed to be the thunderous voice of a great multitude, like the sound of a massive waterfall and mighty peals of thunder, crying out: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns! 7. Let us rejoice and exalt Him and give Him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come. And His Bride has made herself ready (The **Aramaic** can be translated “And His Bride loves Him!”). 8. Fine linen, shining bright and clear; has been given to her to wear, and **the fine linen represents the righteous deeds of His holy believers.**”*

SFLB : **“The righteous acts:** “The good works that R the fruit of being justified by faith in Jesus Christ.”

Aramaic: *“and the fine linens are the blessings of the holy ones.”*

9. *Then the angel said to me, “Write these words: Wonderfully blessed are those who are invited to feast at the wedding celebration of the Lamb!” And then He said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*

45:15 TPT *“What a grand, majestic entrance! A joyful, glad procession as they enter the palace gates!*

16. *Your many sons will one day be kings, just like their Father. They will sit on royal thrones all around the world. (Rom. 5:17)*

17. *I will make sure the fame of Your Name is honored in every generation as all the people praise You, giving you thanks for-ever and ever!"*

The New Jerusalem

Rev. 21:9 **TPT** *"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the last seven plagues came to me & said, "Come. I will show you **the beautiful Bride, the wife of the Lamb.**"*

Grow in God's Grace & Intimacy with Our Lord & Savior
2 Pet. 3:18 **NKJV** *"But continue to **grow and increase in God's grace and intimacy** with our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. May He receive all the glory both now and until the day eternity begins. Amen!"* **TPT note:** "Spiritual growth is yielding to the grace of God and having passion to know Jesus Christ intimately. In time, we grow into His beautiful image."

Let's focus on Jesus & who He says we are, and leave the past behind. Let's pursue Him with passion not religious obligation, & then we'll be most free to share His life & love with others!