



A Song for the King

Psalm 45

Chik Kaw Tan
St. James' Church, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent



Introduction

The King (v. 1-9):

- **v.2:** exceptional, excellent, gracious in speech, blessed of God
- **v.3-5:** overcome evil with good, rules with 'truth, humility, and justice', follows God's instructions
- **v.6-9:** his rule is just & everlasting, rules as God would rule, tolerates no evil



..... introduction

The Bride (v.10-15)

- **v.10-12:** beautiful (v.11), exhorted to leave former allegiances (v.10) and give all her loyalty and submissive love to her husband and king (v.11)
- **v. 13-15:** beauty of bride and bridesmaids, great rejoicing



Understanding the Bible

- 1. The whole Bible is God speaking.** Put in by Holy Spirit for a reason (2 Tim. 3:16-17):
 - read in context of whole Bible + overall story
 - how do Jesus + NT writers understand the Psalms?
- 2. Central message - Jesus as Messiah**
 - Jesus said that all Scripture is about him (Luke 24: 25-27,44)



Understanding Psalm 45

The King

- Fulfilled in Christ (v.6): perfect king, upright + just + everlasting kingdom
- Hebrews 1:8 Jesus is God, He rules forever in his upright and just kingdom
- Revelation 11:15 Jesus the Messiah reigns eternally



.... understanding Psalm 45

The Bride

The church as Bride of Christ:

- 2 Cor. 11:2 - Church promised to Christ as bride
- Eph. 5:31-32 - Church is bride of Christ
- Rev. 19:6-9 - Wedding of church to Christ
- Jesus refers to himself as bridegroom
(Mt 25:1-13; Mark 2:18-20)



Application and relevance to today

1. We worship Jesus with all our hearts

- Worthy of worship & praise: just, righteous, holy, full of grace and truth
- The more you know Jesus, the more perfect he is
- Sacrificed his life for the church in love
- Totally faithful; we can trust him completely (2 Tim. 2: 11-13, Hebrews 13:5)



.... application and relevance

2. Faithfulness to Jesus

- New loyalty: forsaking the past, new priority, new king & kingdom, new identity
- Command of Jesus to deny self and follow him (Mt.16:24-26)
- Faithfulness of Jesus not in question; problem is our faithlessness



.... application and relevance

3. Future joy & celebration for believers

- Magnificent wedding feast + reunion with Christ: Rev. 19:7
- Beautifully adorned bride and holy city (symbol of God's community) readied for Christ: Rev. 21:2
- Greatest wedding + reunion of all time: Jesus the Head of the church with his bride, the church