

We are continuing our series in the Messianic Psalms. We are looking at Jesus in the psalms because Jesus told us they were written about Him. (Luke 24:44) So far we have looked at the incarnation, the rejection He faced along with the betrayal by Judas, the mocking and scourging He endured, the crucifixion with its suffering, and the resurrection. Today we are going to go back a bit and catch up on a few details of His life that are hidden in the psalms and then look forward to one of the most heart capturing thoughts regarding His return, all of which are found in Psalms.

By way of introduction to the next verses we will consider, let me quote from Risto Santala's introduction to the Messianic Psalms. David, who was, by way of eminence, the Psalmist of Israel, was also, in his personal history and in his kingdom, the most distinguished of the types of Christ. In him men beheld the image of a just and wise prince, who having grown up in an obscure town was afterwards filled, in an incomparable measure, with the Spirit of kingly wisdom, and counsel, and might; a captain who, although he had been anointed by a prophet to be king over God's Israel, was detained for long years in the school of bitter humiliation; but who, when he was at length brought to the throne, achieved for his people deliverance from their enemies on every side, and subjugated the nations ... How distinctly, in these and a hundred other features, David and his kingdom prefigured Christ and his kingdom, and awoke presentiments regarding them in the hearts of God's people... His history from first to last, was a kind of acted parable of the sufferings and glory of Christ. When it is remembered that every step in David's chequered career finds its lyrical expression in the Psalter, it will be at once apparent that the Psalter must be full of Christ. One who gives a faithful description of the shadow, must needs describe the substance that casts the shadow. <sup>11</sup>

David as the shadow of Christ to come experienced a time of temptation and fasting. Knowing the parallel of David and the Messiah, Satan tried to tempt Jesus by quoting a Messianic Psalm. (Luke 4:10-11) <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12 (ESV) Since God promised this to David, it would be true in an even greater sense for the Messiah. The temptation was more clever than it first appears. It is no random verse that Satan is quoting but a verse that actually applied personally to Jesus. Thus, "If you are the Messiah of God cast yourself down, for it is written..." was an insightful challenge. But Jesus responded with a verse from the Torah. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test..." Deuteronomy 6:16a (ESV) Satan knows more about Messianic Psalms than most Christians.

**Commented [notes1]: Luke 24:44 (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

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<sup>10</sup> for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,"  
<sup>11</sup> and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

However, not only did Satan misquote the verse, just as he did in the Garden, but if he had thought a little further down through the psalm, he would have realized he was predicting his defeat. Verse 13 tells us regarding the Messiah, <sup>13</sup> *You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.* Psalm 91:13 (ESV) Just as was promised to Eve after the fall, the head of the Serpent would be crushed by a male child born of a woman descended from Eve. (Genesis 3:15) Every creature in that verse is used to describe Satan. Peter called him a lion that devours (1 Peter 5:8); and God called him a serpent or adder that is most subtle (Genesis 3:1). (Hebrews 2:14) Satan couldn't even try to tempt Jesus without pointing to his own demise.

The good news for us today is that we are included in the crushing of the Serpent's head, for the Apostle Paul wrote, <sup>20</sup> *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.* Romans 16:20a (ESV) That is victorious living in the power of the Spirit. The Psalm closes with the promises of the Father to the Son, deliverance, honor, and salvation from death because of the great love the Son has for the Father.

We also find that the psalms show Jesus speaking in parables. <sup>2</sup> *I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,* Psalm 78:2 (ESV) (Matthew 13:13) And they speak of Him calming the storm. <sup>9</sup> *You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.* Psalm 89:9 (ESV) (Mark 4:39) They predict the people singing "Hosanna" (save now) to the Son of David. <sup>25</sup> *Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!* <sup>26</sup> *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.* Psalm 118:25-26 (ESV) (Matthew 21:9)

Now, moving forward, we will look at what it means to us who have received the forgiveness that is offered to all who will repent and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Psalm 45 is known as the Psalm of the Bridegroom. Jesus told us that the kingdom of heaven is like a king who arranged a marriage for his son. (Matthew 22:2; Isaiah 54:5) Hebrews often used pictures or analogies as we have already seen in David foreshadowing the Messiah. One of **Jesus' many illustrations to help us understand the kingdom of God was this analogy of a marriage.** The king is God the Father. Jesus is the Son. Those who come to faith in Christ are the bride of the Son. Our first heavenly meal with Him after His return is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:7,9)

Those who study the language about the kingdom of God in the Bible know that it is now and in the future as well. We taste it now in part as we experience communion with the Holy Spirit and fellowship with the body of believers. But it is mostly by faith now, whereas it will be completely manifest in a very physical sense then. The love we experience from Jesus on a daily basis in prayer is real, but then we will see His face. (Revelation 1:7) Then our ears will hear an audible voice every time we speak to Him. But presently "eye

**Commented [notes4]: Genesis 3:15 (ESV)**  
<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**Commented [notes5]: 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)**  
<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**Commented [notes6]: Genesis 3:1 (ESV)**  
<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden.'"

**Commented [notes7]: Hebrews 2:14 (ESV)**  
<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

**Commented [notes8]: Matthew 13:13 (ESV)**  
<sup>13</sup> This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

**Commented [notes9]: Mark 4:39 (ESV)**  
<sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**Commented [notes10]: Matthew 21:9 (ESV)**  
<sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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<sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,

**Commented [notes12]: Isaiah 54:5 (ESV)**  
<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

**Commented [notes13]: Revelation 19:7 (ESV)**  
<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

**Commented [notes14]: Revelation 19:9 (ESV)**  
<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

**Commented [notes15]: Revelation 1:7 (ESV)**  
<sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

has not seen nor has ear heard ... the things that God has prepared for those who love Him." (1Corinthians 2:9) But He does give us the comparison with marriage.

We are fascinated with marriages. It is the highlight a woman's life. It is there that she looks most beautiful. Brides are rarely completely satisfied with their wedding because they put so much expectation into that special time in their life. It is pretty hard for us men to relate. No participant in that heavenly marriage will ever be disappointed with the Groom of heaven, Christ Jesus. The experience will far surpass all our expectations. And if you aren't looking forward to that day, you haven't captured the wonder of how great it will be.

The world has nothing to look forward to. We enjoy some years of youth, we find some temporal pleasures, we see a few sights, we grow old and feeble, and then we stand before our Judge. We are headed to the climactic event of eternity, a wedding! Jesus warned those who would refuse the invitation. (Matthew 22:7)

Psalm 45 begins by describing the exuberance of the author to write on this subject. <sup>1</sup> *My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.* Psalm 45:1 (ESV) But it quickly moves to describing the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> *You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.* Psalm 45:2 (ESV) Now it is true that Jesus was predicted to be comely in physical appearance. (Isaiah 53:2) His beauty was an inner beauty. Now glorified, it is an outer beauty as well. But most notable are the gracious words He speaks, for He only speaks that which He hears from the Father, and the Father's heart is most gracious. (John 15:15) Because the Son yielded His lips to the Father, He is blessed forever. Do you want eternal blessings? Follow the example of the Son. Yield your lips to speak the Father's heart!

But this is no wimpy prince when it comes to confronting evil. When it comes to standing for truth and righteousness, those in rebellion should beware. Continuing in Psalm 45, <sup>3</sup> *Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!* <sup>4</sup> *In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!* <sup>5</sup> *Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.* Psalm 45:3-5 (ESV) There is no greater warrior opposing evil than the Lord. (Jeremiah 20:11) This makes Him the great husband protector. It sounds like John is referring to this passage in the Revelation when the Lord comes to confront evil. (Revelation 19:11-12, 16)

We can be certain that this Psalm was ultimately speaking of Jesus for the next verses are quoted in Hebrews 1:8-9 as the Father speaking to the Son. <sup>6</sup> *Your throne, O God, is*

**Commented [notes16]: 1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

**Commented [notes17]: Matthew 22:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

**Commented [notes18]: Isaiah 53:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

**Commented [notes19]: John 15:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**Commented [notes20]: Jeremiah 20:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

**Commented [notes21]: Revelation 19:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

**Commented [notes22]: Revelation 19:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Commented [notes23]: Hebrews 1:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

*forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; <sup>7</sup> you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;* Psalm 45:6-7 (ESV) The prophets predicted the reign of Messiah would never end. His scepter is the scepter of uprightness. That means corruption will come to end. Injustice will be no more. He loves righteousness and hates wickedness, and so should we!

Have you noticed the ungodly spin the world is putting on our liberal slide. If you are against murdering the most innocent among us, you are said to be against choice, a woman hater. If you oppose gay marriage you are a bigot and against equal rights, a Bible thumping religious nut. But if you dare to talk about the health and psychological damage those sins cause, you are religious zealot desiring to turn the country into a theocracy. The war of words is quite clever.

We love the sinner but hate the sin, because sin is destructive to the individual and society. We can't take any other stand because our Lord and Savior loves righteousness and hates wickedness. When you hear people distort what Christians believe, then lovingly, gently, clarify our convictions. If they say you want a theocracy, kindly ask them if they are willing to look at the statistical data collected by scientific studies of these behaviors the Bible calls sin. If they are not willing to do so, then ask who really desires to know the truth? But don't stop with the popular topics, go on to adultery and divorce and gossip, gluttony and all the rest we are so prone to overlook. Loving righteousness and hating wickedness should be accompanied with great joy as we stand with our Creator in truth.

There is something about royal weddings that attracts us all. Listen as the psalmist describes the most royal of weddings. *<sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; <sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.* Psalm 45:8-9 (ESV) The best fragrances God made at the creation of the world will fill our senses as Jesus draws near. The music will be the most wonderful to ever fall on our ears. Musicians of stringed instruments, you make His heart glad. Did you hear that Ray, Lynne, Tim, Miciah, Mac, Mark, and the rest of us that play on strings? That thrills my soul!

The bridesmaids are the daughters of kings! And at His right hand, we are referred to as the queen in gold. (Psalm 16:11) Gold in the temple represented holiness. (Exodus 25:11) The work in us will be complete and we will be ready for our eternal union with Him. (1John 3:2)

And now, a word of instruction for us, the bride. *<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, <sup>11</sup> and the king will desire*

**Commented [notes24]: Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Commented [notes25]: Exodus 25:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.

**Commented [notes26]: 1 John 3:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

*your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.* Psalm 45:10-11 (ESV) We are asked repeatedly to take heed to what is said here. We are to leave our father and mother and be joined to our husband. We are to not allow former attachments to hinder our new eternal relationship. Jesus referred to this passage in Luke 14. He said that if anyone would come after Him, pursue Him, they must leave their family behind. (Luke 14:26) Our love for Him must be so strong that former allegiances are like hate in comparison. We still honor our father and mother, but our commitment to Him must be without rival. (Matthew 10:37) And if it is, He will desire our beauty! Can you receive it? You should be bowing in your heart even now at the thought of Jesus' desire for you.

But that is not all. <sup>12</sup> *The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.* <sup>13</sup> *All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.* <sup>14</sup> *In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.* <sup>15</sup> *With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.* Psalm 45:12-15 (ESV) During His millennial reign, the world will come to seek your favor with the richest of gifts. You and I will be glorious for He has promised to share His glory with us. (Romans 8:17) Paul wrote, <sup>14</sup> *To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.* 2 Thessalonians 2:14 (ESV) The many colored robes remind us of Joseph, the one on whom his father, Israel, bestowed his love and favor. (Genesis 37:3) Our hearts will overflow with joy and gladness as we are led into our heavenly palace, because He is there. That is thrilling, not just because of what awaits us but, because of the heart that would love us so! (John 15:13)

<sup>16</sup> *In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.* <sup>17</sup> *I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.* Psalm 45:16-17 (ESV) It sounds to me as if in the millennial reign we will appoint our spiritual sons to reign over the earth. The bride of the King of kings will be praised forever and ever because we share His likeness. (Romans 8:29)

While the world hopes for a new car or a second home or some new relationship that will satisfy them for a few years, we look forward to eternal glory, joy, and praise. We look forward to being conformed to His image. We look forward to being continually overwhelmed with the love of our King. And that doesn't even begin to describe how good it will be.

**The Groom is coming**, the most handsome of the sons of men, with grace poured upon His lips. **Will He recognize you as His own?** (Matthew 25:11-12) He will if you know Him as Lord today. You see, there is another thing we have distorted in our culture. The husband was to be the loving lord of his home. The wife was to be the submitted helpmeet. The world has spun that and abused it so it sounds awful. It is really glorious when the husband lovingly protects and provides while the wife honors and assists. (Ephesians

**Commented [notes27]: Luke 14:26 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

**Commented [notes28]: Matthew 10:37 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

**Commented [notes29]: Romans 8:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> "and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

**Commented [notes30]: Genesis 37:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> "Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors."

**Commented [notes31]: John 15:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

**Commented [notes32]: Romans 8:29 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

**Commented [notes33]: Matthew 25:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

5:33) We will know the fullness of it when we see Him face to face. Then all the distortions and complaints will fall away. All will see truth for what it really is whether they receive it or not. Will you receive it now?

Questions:

- 1 Which psalms speak of Jesus' life?
- 2 How do we know Psalm 45 is Messianic?
- 3 What phrase hints at this as prophetic?
- 4 How is Jesus described?
- 5 Where do we see the hint of deity?
- 6 How did the author of Hebrews use verse 9?
- 7 What makes Jesus glad?
- 8 Are you in this psalm?
- 9 What verse did Jesus apply to us?
- 10 What attracts Jesus to you?
- 11 Which verses have a millennial ring?

**Commented [notes34]: Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)**

<sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.