

Studies in Psalms by John T Polk II For The Fellowship Room

Psalm 45

11/16/12

Vs. 1-9 describe the Groom to be married, and it points to Jesus Christ;

Vs. 10-15 depict the church of Christ as the Bride;

Vs. 16-17 describe the offspring produced by that marriage (no abortion here!).

Verses 1-9: It's wonderful to read the joyful anticipation of a wedding of two good people (verse 1). Jesus Christ is the Groom being described, and He: **verse 2)** has a tongue of grace (Luke 4:22); **verse 3)** has a sword of authority (Luke 9:42-43; 2 Peter 1:16-18); **verse 4)** is blessed for His "truth" (John 18:37), "humility"(Philippians 2:8), "righteousness"(1 John 3:4-7); **verse 5)** is victorious (Matthew 12:15-21). This Groom is Regal as only Jesus is. **Verses 6-7** are quoted in Hebrews 1:8-9 to prove the Deity of Jesus Christ: "But to the Son *He says*: 'Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions'" (Hebrews 1:8-9). God's place for angels is different (Hebrews 1:7), therefore Jesus Christ was/is no angelic being at any time! The mythologies that make Him one are patently, completely false! Jesus was/is God, not an angel! **Verse 8-9)** His royal robes have the same fragrances as the "holy anointing oil" under the Law of Moses (Exodus 30:22-25), which shows Jesus Christ "has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma" (Ephesians 5:2).

Verses 10-15: describe the Bride, which is the church of Christ: composed of those baptized into Christ "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38); whom "the Lord added to the church" (Acts 2:47); who have died to the Law of Moses (Romans 7:1-4); who live faithfully "betrothed" to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2-4); who love Jesus who died for them (Ephesians 5:22-33); and anticipate their marriage (Revelation 19:5-10; 21:1-27). The church of Christ must be devoted to Jesus Christ: **verse 10)** over family; **verse 11)** in adoration; **verse 12)** "praising God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47); **verse 13-14)** cleanly clothed (Ephesians 5:25-27); **verses 14-15)** properly presented.

Verses 16-17: Being in the Royal Family is promised to all who obey the Gospel: "But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10). The church of Christ can say Jesus "has made us kings and priests to His God and Father" (Revelation 1:6).