Psalm 45

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My Heart Is Stirred by a Noble Theme

(1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Chronicles 1:1–13; Psalm 72:1–20)

¹For the Leader; upon Shoshannim; [a Psalm] of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves. My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter; I say: 'My work is concerning a king'; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

²Thou art fairer than the children of men; Grace is poured upon thy lips; Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

- ³Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, Thy glory and thy majesty.
- ⁴And in thy majesty prosper, ride on, In behalf of truth and meekness and righteousness; And let thy right hand teach thee tremendous things.
- ⁵Thine arrows are sharp—The peoples fall under thee—[They sink] into the heart of the king's enemies.
- ⁶Thy throne given of God is for ever and ever; A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 7Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- ⁸Myrrh, and aloes, and cassia are all thy garments; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
- 9Kings' daughters are among thy favourites; At thy right hand doth stand the gueen in gold of Ophir.
- **10**Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
- 11So shall the king desire thy beauty; For he is thy lord; and do homage unto him.
- 12And, O daughter of Tyre, the richest of the people Shall entreat thy favour with a gift.'
- ¹³All glorious is the king's daughter within the palace; Her raiment is of chequer work inwrought with gold.
- ¹⁴She shall be led unto the king on richly woven stuff; The virgins her companions in her train being brought unto thee.
- 15They shall be led with gladness and rejoicing; They shall enter into the king's palace.
- ¹⁶Instead of thy fathers shall be thy sons, Whom thou shalt make princes in all the land.
- ¹⁷I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore shall the peoples praise thee for ever and ever.