

Psalm 45

*To the maestro
on "the Lilies":
for the sons of Korah:
a word of wisdom:
a song of the beloved.*

My heart is overflowing with good things:
I speak of all the doings of the king:
My tongue is like a rapid writer's pen.
[I sing of the beloved of the king.]

You're the most beautiful of Adam's sons:
The grace of God is poured into your lips,
And God has blessed you now forevermore!
[These blessings come to you from God above.]

Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
With all your glory and your majesty
And in your majesty ride prosp'rously,
Because of truth and true humility.

Your own right hand shall teach you fearful things:
Your sharpened arrows cause people to fall:
They penetrate the heart of all your foes,
Those who are enemies of our great King.

Your throne, O God, will last for evermore:
Your kingdom's staff is one of righteousness
You love the right, and hate all evil things,
And God, your God, has made you to be king!

He has anointed you with oil of joy
More than those with you could have ever known:
Myrrh, aloes, cassia perfume all your robes:
The music of the palace makes you glad!*

Daughters of kings give honour unto you:
The royal bride is standing at your side:
Listen, O princess, to the things I say:
Forget your people and your father's house!

* A palace overlaid with ivory.

Your beauty will attract the king to you:
He is your master, so submit to him,
For with a robe of Tyre to be a gift
The rich among the folk will come to you.

Her royal garb is splendid to behold:
Her clothing woven now with threads of gold:
She wears a robe of rich embroidered work:
Her virgin bridesmaids bring her to the king.

They come rejoicing now before the king,
And enter now the palace of the king:
Your sons will take the place you fathers had:
You'll make them princes over all the earth!

And I will make your name to be well known
To all the generations yet to come:
The peoples of the earth will give you thanks
For ever and for ever, evermore!

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