

Psalm 45:11-18ⁱⁱⁱ

“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father’s house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor.”
All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
“In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.”

ⁱⁱⁱ About Psalm: Psalm 45:11-18

This psalm celebrates the royal wedding of the davidic king with a princess from Tyre in Phoenicia. First the psalmist praises the king (verses 1-10), who has been chosen and anointed by God to establish justice and so receive the perks of kingship, including his new wife. In verses 11-16, he encourages the princess to enjoy her new status as the king’s wife, with all the splendid clothes and riches that now will characterize her royal lifestyle.