

Our passage of study this week is **Psalm 45**. While the superscription describes this psalm as a love song, it likely was a royal wedding song. However, this song has something greater in view. It anticipates Christ as King and Bridegroom, and His Bride, the church. In fact, the writer of Hebrews applies this psalm directly to Jesus (**Hebrews 1:8-9**).

Read **Psalm 45** and discuss the following.

What most stood out to you as you read this passage, and why?

How is the king/groom described in **v.2-9**? How do we know this is Jesus?

What does the psalmist admire about Jesus in this psalm?

Do we admire our King as much as worldly people admire their little gods? What would it look like if we were really impressed with our King Jesus? Give some real life examples of how this might be displayed in our daily lives.

What sorts of things encourage you to honor and praise Jesus as your King?

According to this psalm, what should our worship of Jesus include?

What will the reign of the Messiah be like according to this psalm?

How is the bride described in **v.10-15**? How do we know that this also looks ahead to the church? Explain.

What is the church clothed in?

Consider the closing verses, how do they point to the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant (**2nd Samuel 7**), as well as the promises made to Abraham (**Genesis 12:3; 22:18**)?

How does this passage of Scripture highlight God's goodness? How is it specifically good news to you? Explain.

What about this discussion has most comforted and/or convicted you personally?