### Psalms

## Chapter 45

To the [music] director:  
  
[Set to the tune of the song called] Regarding the Changes.  
  
An ode of contemplation of the loved one by the sons of KorAh.  
  
  
  
  
[Editor note: This appears to be a prophecy about the powers of the coming Messiah, with him being represented by the then-ruling king. So we’re not using the capitals normally used when talking about God, because the text is actually calling the human king a ‘god,’ who then prophetically represents Jesus in the future. Please read the commentary by one of our translators for more information.]  
  
  
  
1From my heart, I thrust out good words,  
 Then quickly, I wrote my work for the king;  
 For my tongue had become like a reed pen…  
 As one who’s held in the hands of a scribe.  
  
2More beautiful than the children of men,  
 Is the favor that pours from your lips.  
 And for this, may our God be praised throughout the age.  
  
3So now, strap your sword to your thigh,  
 And in your fineness, stretch tight your bow!  
 4Bless us and rule us in truth…  
 In your gentle ways and in justice,  
 Give us direction with your right hand!  
  
5Sharpen your arrows, O mighty one.  
 For the peoples beneath you must fall…  
 All the enemies in the heart of the king.  
  
6Your throne, O god, is throughout ages of ages,  
 And your Kingdom is ruled by your scepter.  
 7For, you’ve loved what’s right,  
 And you’ve hated law breaking.  
  
And for this, The God who is also your God  
 Has anointed you with His oil  
 And praised you above all your peers.  
  
8Your clothes smell of myrrh, balsam, and fruit,  
 Which is found in your palace of ivory.  
 9In your honor, the daughters of kings find delight,  
 While your queen is at your right hand,  
 Wearing finest clothes embroidered with gold.  
  
10So listen, O daughters, and look…  
 Incline your ears and forget your own kin…  
 Those in the house of your father.  
 11For the king has desired your beauty,  
 And he’s your [sovereign] lord.  
  
12So, you daughters of Tyre, bow before him,  
 And you rich, bring gifts to curry his favor!  
 13The king’s daughter is glorious within,  
 And she’s wrapped in clothes embroidered with gold.  
  
14Then, all the virgins who follow in her train  
 (Those closest to her) will be carried to you.  
 15They’ll be carried there singing praises of joy,  
 And led to the Most Holy Place of the king.  
  
16Then, in place of your fathers, sons will be born,  
 And you’ll appoint them as rulers over the lands.  
  
17From one generation to another,  
 All will remember your name.  
 Yes, all the peoples will praise you,  
 Throughout the age and the age of the ages.