

A SONG TO CELEBRATE AND ANTICIPATE THE KING'S MARRIAGE

Psalm 45:1–17

Weddings can be beautiful and meaningful events. Friends and family are gathered, happiness and love are expressed, promises and prayers are offered. Even on the surface, these events are celebratory and significant. But the beauty and meaning of a wedding runs far deeper than many people understand. From a biblical perspective, a wedding (and the marriage that ultimately follows the wedding) is hugely significant and symbolic as it honours God's presence, points to God's character, demonstrates God's faithfulness, and declares God's love. On the surface, they're beautiful. Digging deeper, they're more wonderful still. On the surface, Psalm 45 is a song celebrating a royal wedding and the love between a king and queen of Israel. But the beauty and meaning of this song and the event it commemorates runs much deeper as it also anticipates a royal wedding in the future.

On the Surface: *Celebrating* a Marriage

The King

vv. 1–8, 16–17

The Bride

vv. 9–15

Digging Deeper: *Anticipating* a Marriage

Leave and cleave!

THE PSALMS: SONGS *FROM* GOD AND *TO* GOD

Oakridge Bible Chapel

Winter/Spring 2024

January 7	A Psalm of Personal Lamentation (3:1–8)
January 14	A Psalm of Divine Protection (27:1–14)
January 21	A Psalm of Humble Thanksgiving (30:1–12)
January 28	A Psalm of Messianic Expectation (45:1–17)
February 4	A Psalm of Desperate Repentance (51:1–19)
February 18	A Psalm of Communal Restoration (85:1–13)
February 25	A Psalm of Celebratory Anticipation (96:1–13)
March 3	A Psalm of Messianic Instalment (110:1–7)
March 10	A Psalm of Eternal Praise (111:1–10)
March 17	A Psalm of God’s Wisdom (119:1–8)
April 7	A Psalm of Desired Peace (122:1–9)
April 14	A Psalm of Communal Thanksgiving (136:1–26)
April 21	A Psalm of Covenantal Cursing (137:1–7)
May 5	A Psalm of Lifelong Worship (146:1–10)