

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
Psalm 45 // November 24, 2024 PM

I. *Lovingly savor* Christ's royal glory (vv. 2-9).

II. *Loyally serve* Christ's royal glory (vv. 10-15).

III. *Longingly sing of* Christ's royal glory (vv. 16-17).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the "pleasing theme" the psalmist leads us to sing of?
2. How could a wedding song become a worship song? How does the fact that this song was sung in temple worship inform how we read, understand, and sing it today?
3. What do we learn about the King in vv. 2-9? Is He a mere human? What indications are we given that He is not?
4. What are the two commands given to the bride in vv. 10-12, and what two promises are given to encourage her to obey those commands? What do they call us to do as the church?
5. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. How does the bride of Christ become so beautiful and glorious?
6. Pastor Nick contrasted a "me-and-Jesus" we with an "us-and-Jesus" we. What did he mean, and what is the significance for how we think about our lives and eternities?
7. What is expressive individualism? How does earthly marriage strike a blow to it? How does heavenly marriage strike an even greater blow to it?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Are truth, meekness, and righteousness living realities in me as one in whom Christ's kingdom has come?
2. Am I lovingly savoring and loyally serving Christ? Where am I falling short and in need of repentance in this regard?
3. How does seeking self result in us losing ourselves? How does the pursuit of autonomous freedom lead to bondage?