

The theme of this Psalm is the majesty of the Great King. The Church has always believed its subject to be Messiah Jesus. Much of it is quoted in the New Testament, in a conversation between the Father and the Son; therefore this is one of the most important Messianic Psalms.

**To the Chief Musician. Set to “The Lilies.” A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.**

**(1) My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.**

- The family of Korah was one of the families of the priests which led in worship, or it may have been directed to them.
- What are the “lilies?”
- The word contemplation is *maschil*, often described as a *teaching psalm*.
- The writer’s heart is going to burst; he is a quick, or skillful writer.

**2 You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever.**

- Immediately we see that the person of whom he speaks is extraordinary!
- Everything he says is full of grace and life from God., just like Jesus.
- Because of that, we read, God has blessed him with an eternal blessing.

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**3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.**

- This was the preparation that someone would make to ride out to war.
- Only God Himself has true glory within himself.
- This Great King rides to uphold three things, or because of those three virtues: (1) truth; (2) humility or meekness (Philippians 2:3); and (3) righteousness.
- The right hand was viewed as the place of power and authority.

**5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples fall under You.**

- It seems that this king also has a king over Him. This makes no sense if we are speaking of Solomon, but it does if applied to Christ.
- There will be a total submission of the heathen (Gentile) nations to Messiah.

**6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.**

- This is quoted in Hebrews 1 to show that God has elevated Jesus Christ above the angels. *“And of the angels he says, ‘Who makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.’ But unto the Son he says, ‘Thy throne, O God... (KJV)*

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- The Father says that this King is also divine, and has an eternal throne.
- His rule is completely righteous. (Isaiah 11:4) He hates wickedness. In Christ there is perfect love for what is good, mingled with perfect hatred for what is evil.
- Because of this devotion to righteousness, God gives Him (gives the Messiah) the oil of gladness. Jesus was the most joy-filled person ever!
- The oil of gladness is connected with loving what is righteous, and hating what is wicked.

**8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; at Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.**

- He describes the king in the beauty of his palace, His beauty, and the beauty of His companions. It speaks of His fragrance and the grandeur of His home.
- Daughters of kings are sent to be at his court: political alliances.
- The queen at the right hand speaks of the Church and her relationship to Christ.
- The gold of Ophir was the purest and rarest gold known to the ancient world.

**10 Listen, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; the rich among the people will seek your favor.**

- This is a good word for believers, who must refuse and then renounce all other attachments and cling only to the King of Kings. Forgetting her old house would cause the king to notice her beauty!

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**13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; her clothing is woven with gold. 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; the virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; they shall enter the King's palace.**

- The beauty and purity of the queen herself.
- She has a multitude of companions who come into the palace with her.
- Notice again the references to purity, and the reward of purity.
- They are brought into God's presence with gladness and rejoicing. (Psalm 16)

**16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, whom You shall make princes in all the earth.**

- Because of her connection to the King, the Queen will now be known for the fame of the princes she will bear him. The princes that will come from this Queen will be princes *in all the earth*.

**17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise you forever and ever.**

- God has literally caused Him to be known that way in all generations: what the Psalmist wrote about Christ's glories has been sung and studied for 3,000 years!
- The people will celebrate Him for ever and ever!

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