

Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog



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THE JOYFUL REIGN OF CHRIST

Psalm 45



PSALM 45: 6-7

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
Therefore, God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.*

The psalmist addresses the King with divine language, identifying the ruler as God and affirming the eternal nature of His throne.

Hebrews 1:8-9 explicitly applies this verse to Jesus Christ:

*But to the Son He says:
'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.'*

Jesus Christ is the divine King whose reign has no end. Unlike earthly kingdoms that rise and fall, Christ's kingship is eternal, established in His divine nature and confirmed by His resurrection and exaltation. ***Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER!' (Revelation 11:15)***

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16)

At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel declares that Jesus will ***be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END.*** (Luke 1:32-33).

Psalm 45:6 also emphasizes the character of the King's rule: A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. The New Testament consistently portrays Jesus as the **PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS KING** who governs in truth and justice. Jesus Himself declares that He came not to abolish the law **BUT TO FULFILL IT**, and throughout His ministry He embodies perfect obedience to the Father's will. Peter proclaims Him as ***the Holy and RIGHTEOUS ONE*** (Acts 3:14), and John describes Him as ***Jesus Christ THE RIGHTEOUS*** (1 John 2:1). Christ's authority is exercised in perfect faithfulness, compassion, and justice.

The King rules in moral perfection: **You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness** (Psalm 45:7). This love for righteousness and hatred of evil is fully revealed in the life and mission of Jesus Christ. His teachings show the true nature of righteousness as wholehearted love for God and neighbour, while His actions consistently confront sin, hypocrisy, and injustice. Christ's hatred of wickedness is expressed through both condemnation and redemptive sacrifice. At the cross, He bore the penalty of sin, defeating evil while upholding God's righteousness.

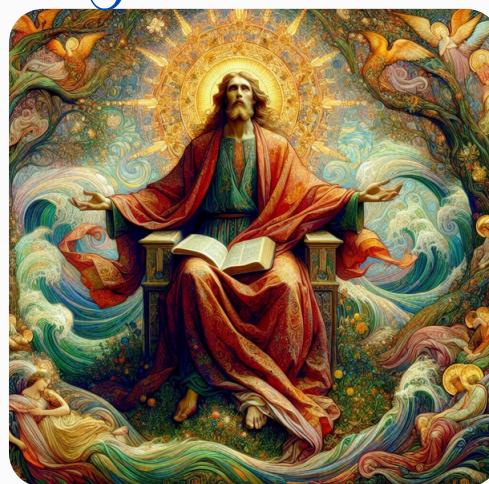
The **oil of gladness** in Psalm 45 points to the joy that characterizes Christ's reign and His saving work. **These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full** (John 15:11). The joy of Christ overflows to us, transforming mourning into gladness and fear into hope.

In Christ, the hope of a perfect King is fulfilled, and through Him, we are invited to live under the gracious, joyful, and eternal rule of the One whose throne will never pass away.

ASK GOD TO:

1. help you to submit your life afresh to God's sovereign authority.
2. to teach you to love what He loves and to walk in integrity, justice, and faithfulness.
3. replace fear, weariness, and sorrow with the deep assurance that God reigns forever.

John 15: 1-11



Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
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