

## Marriage Reflecting God's Character

### Scripture Reading — Psalm 45:1-7

*God has blessed you forever. . . . Ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice . . . .*  
— Psalm 45:2-4

Marriages today are so easily ended. Divorce has become routine. Breaking relationships designed to last a lifetime results in many broken hearts and homes.

Psalm 45 is written as a wedding song for a king. The first several verses describe a king who rules with integrity and justice, reflecting God's character.

This mighty ruler is clothed with splendor and majesty. He is called "the most excellent of men." His lips are "anointed with grace," meaning that his speech is life-giving, gentle, and kind. God is the commander of this man's life; he recognizes God's anointing of grace and of joy. He loves righteousness and hates wickedness, revealing his heart to be in tune with God's heart. He seeks truth, humility, and justice.

I want to challenge the men who are reading these words to take note that God and his Word must be central in our lives. If anything is out of line, we must be truthful and humble to seek God's direction in setting it right. Have we dropped our guard and allowed anything unwholesome to intrude? If we are married, are we giving up the fight and deserting our wives and families?

Let's look to the Lord for guidance in our relationships—especially in marriage and family relationships. He alone can help us.

### Prayer

*Father, thank you for all your blessings, and guide us to live for you in truth, humility, and justice. If we have fallen short, forgive us and restore us, in Christ, to live for you. Amen.*

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