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08/31/14 - Justice Is Still On The Throne

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Psalm 45:1-17

Psalm 45 is one of the 11 psalms attributed to the Sons of Korah. It is a celebration of the royal marriage of an unidentified Hebrew king to a foreign princess. This song was included in the Psalter in order to depict the human marriage relationship as an allegory of the covenant relationship between God and His people. This psalm was written to the bridegroom and enumerates God's blessings on him.

Verses 6 and 7 state that the king's devotion to righteousness has been rewarded by a divine act of exaltation which has left him without equal.\* These same verses are found in Hebrews 1:8 and 9, and are prophetic of Christ.

The scepter of justice (fairness and equity) is the *modus operandi* and rules right living. Righteousness is loved and wickedness is hated.

We are looking for *justice* when we hear about heinous crimes. We want something to be done to the perpetrators; we want them to pay for their crimes.

Dear God, we need to be reminded that Your scepter is justice. We just don't always see it.

\* D. Guthrie and J. A. Motyer, *The New Bible Commentary* (Grand Rapids, revised Eerdmans, 1978), 480.

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