Monday, 20 December 2010 Psalm 45:6-9

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Lord, I am finding it very difficult to keep my focus on You this morning. Here is a beautiful passage, describing the glories of Your kingdom and I am stuck on fleeting problems and concerns. Help me to lift my eyes to Your glories and away from the little bumps in my path. Help me to see that my life must express the righteousness and aromas of the Kingdom; that the harmonies of heavenly music must be seen and heard in my life and I must realize that as Your bride, You have clothed me with joy.

Tuesday, 21 December 2010 Psalm 45:10-12

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him. The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

This is the crux of the matter, my faithfulness and obedience to You. Not anyone else's, mine! Will I forget the leeks and garlics of Egypt? Will I, not counting the cost of destroying my old idols and practices, turn to You, consider You, incline my ear to You, forget the ties to the world and seek You only? Will I? Only through the transforming power of Your love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, 22 December 2010 Psalm 45:13-15

All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. (14) In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. (15) With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

And what is to come, what are the promises of glory that await? Into those ivory palaces, out of this world of woe, into the Presence of the Lord, into the Fullness of Joy, into that place where pleasures abound for evermore, to come into the knowing of You at last.

Thursday, 23 December 2010 Psalm 45:16-17

In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

You certainly are giving me a new set of sons to bring to know Your name, mentor, disciple and nurture. Spanning the ages and their position with You. A struggling believer to one who does not know You at all and in between. Help and guide me, Lord.

Friday, 24 December 2010 Psalm 46:1-3

To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

Praise You, give thanks in ALL circumstances? So

hard, Lord. And so much a test of my faith. And which comes first? Do I learn not to grumble when the trial arises and then to give thanks? Or do I remember to thank You for the opportunity to praise You during a trial and for the opportunity to watch Your powerful hand at work in my life? O believe the latter, "Let the praise of God be ever in my mouth ..."

Saturday, 25 December 2010 Psalm 46:4-6

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

To live in the river of Your love, to be washed in its cleansing streams, to be comforted by the gentle sounds of its waves washing over the shoals of my life, to know the peace of floating serenely as I am buoyed by righteousness, peace and joy of the Kingdom; this is to be in the Spirit.

Lord's Day, 26 December 2010 Psalm 119:12

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

Lord, it is through Your statutes that I am blessed. You told Your disciples to teach me all the things that You had commanded and there is much that I still need to learn. Learning is such a superficial word, Lord, I need to take these commandments, all that You taught, and burn them into my mind, soul, conscience, heart, my very being. And they will only be so seared into my psyche by the power of the Holy Spirit. Bless me, Lord, bless me with this transformation into Your image.

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