

Summer Sisterhood Study- **Eternally Desired**- June 15th 2011
The Love Song of our Great King - Psalm 45
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A. An Introduction and background to Psalm 45:1

B. The Description of Our Perfect Groom

1. Good looking- 45:2
2. Gracious in his speech- 45:2
3. A heroic warrior-45:3-5
4. Coming on a white horse to rescue you- 45:3-5
5. Always tells the truth- 45: 4,6 and 7
6. Humble and blameless- 45: 4, 7
7. Great teacher of awesome instruction- 45:4
8. Protector and conqueror of evil- 45:5-6
9. A rich king with a throne that is eternal- 45:6, 8
10. Well dressed and smells really good- 45:8

C. The response of the Bride- Psalm 45: 9-11

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Hebrew Highlights from Psalm 45

Maschil - מִשְׁכִּיל Wisdom Song derives its meaning from the Hebrew root, *sechal*, which means to have insight, to ponder and wisely understand, to be enlightened. There are thirteen Psalms that have the title of Maschil and denotes a song enforcing some lesson of wisdom or piety, an educational song with understanding and skill. In Yiddish this word is used for a person will real wisdom utilizing common sense. "She has real sechel."

Tov - טוֹב Good in Hebrew is a strong word to describe God and His work such as creation. Genesis 1:3-4 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; (tov)

God's goodness is His character quality. *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, (tov), His mercies forever endure* (Psalm 118:1).

Some common phrases in modern Hebrew using tov are *Mazel Tov*- Congratulations, literally good success. *Tov meod*- very good and *hakol Tov*- everything is good

Yaffe - יָפֵה Beautiful in Hebrew, our Groom in Psalm 45:2 is described as very beautiful -*yaffe meod*

This word yaffe is also used to describe Abraham's wife in Genesis 12:11, Rachel in Genesis 29:17, Joseph in Genesis 39:6 and David in 1 Samuel 16:

But sometimes beauty can be a snare as we learn in Proverbs 11:22, *As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a beautiful (yaffe) woman who lacks discretion.*

Henn - חֵן *Grace in Hebrew and means favor or grace -Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor(henn) in the eyes of the LORD. "Found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (motzi henn b'enyaiim) is a common phrase in the Scriptures.*

Ruth 2:10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor (henn) in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

In the New Covenant we are exhorted to have grace filled speech. *Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace **ca, rij** (charis)to those who hear.*

Gibbor - גִּבּוֹר Mighty in Hebrew means strong. Psalm 24:8 *Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty (gibbor), The LORD mighty (gibbor) in battle.* Gibbor is used to describe the Messiah in the prophecy from Isaiah 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, (El Gibbor) Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*