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The Beauty of Righteousness



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Through the Psalms
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> Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
> a scepter of justice will be the
> scepter of your kingdom.
> You love righteousness and hate
> wickedness;
> therefore God, your God, has set
> you above your companions
> by anointing you with the oil of joy.
> All your robes are fragrant with
> myrrh and aloes and cassia;
> from palaces adorned with ivory
> the music of the strings makes you glad.
> (Psalm 45:6–8)

The psalmist here gives us a prophetic picture of the Messiah – one that found its fulfillment in the LORD Jesus. The picture reveals the character of Jesus, His attitude in moral matters, and the reason why God exalted Him. It is important to understand that Jesus was not treated as a favored Son. He earned His promotion. The psalmist gives the reason: "You love righteousness and hate wickedness; *therefore,* God has set you above your companions. . . ." It was the attitude of Jesus in the matters of righteousness and wickedness that caused God to promote Him. There is no neutrality in these matters. The righteousness that God approves leaves no room for compromise with wickedness.

This uncompromising righteousness is crowned with joy that comes from the anointing of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist testified of Jesus: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him" (John 1:32). What marked Jesus as Messiah was that the Holy Spirit *remained* on Him. Never by word or deed did He give the dove cause to leave Him.

Such righteousness is adorned by beauty, too – garments permeated with fragrant spices and the melody of strings proceeding out of a palace adorned with ivory.

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Contemplating such purity and loveliness, we echo the words of the Bride: “He is wholly desirable. . . . This is my beloved” (Song of Songs 5:16 nasb).

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