

Psalm 45:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Analysis

The king's daughter is 'all glorious within,' her clothing 'of wrought gold.' Internal glory precedes external adornment. The 'wrought gold' clothing represents costly beauty, but the emphasis on being 'glorious within' suggests moral and spiritual beauty as the foundation.

Historical Context

Royal women in ancient courts wore elaborate, expensive garments. But this verse's emphasis on inner glory reflects Hebrew values that prioritized character over appearance (cf. Proverbs 31:30).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why does the verse emphasize that the bride is glorious 'within' before describing her clothing?
2. How does the church become 'glorious within' before adorned externally?

Interlinear Text

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H3605 is all glorious H3520 daughter H1323 The king's H4428 within H6441 is of wrought H4865 gold H2091

לְבוֹשָׁה:

her clothing

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 61:10 (Parallel theme): I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Romans 3:22 (Parallel theme): Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 13:14 (Parallel theme): But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Matthew 5:16 (Parallel theme): Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Luke 11:40 (Parallel theme): Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

Revelation 3:18 (Parallel theme): I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and

that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Parallel theme): Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 Samuel 16:7 (Parallel theme): But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Song of Solomon 7:1: How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

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