

# Psalm 45:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

## Analysis

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The king is told to 'Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty.' The 'sword' represents royal authority to execute justice, while 'most mighty' (gibbor) is a divine title applied to the Davidic king. 'Thy glory and thy majesty' describe the splendor appropriate to God's anointed, anticipating Christ's return in power and glory.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern kings were expected to be warriors. This royal psalm celebrates an actual king, probably at his wedding, while containing language that ultimately finds fulfillment only in the Messiah.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does the warrior imagery apply to Christ's mission and return?
2. What does it mean that divine titles are applied to the human king?

## Interlinear Text

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Gird thy sword upon thy thigh O most mighty with thy glory  
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and thy majesty  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 4:12** (Word): For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Revelation 1:16** (Word): And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

**Revelation 19:15** (Word): And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Isaiah 49:2** (Word): And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

**Psalms 21:5** (Glory): His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

**Psalms 96:6** (Parallel theme): Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.