

“This is My Beloved Son”

All Scripture is KJV:

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ON THIS MATTER.

- This is My Beloved Son?
- The first mention of God having a Son is in Daniel 3:25.

For what reason would God the Father speak of Jesus as His beloved Son?

1. First of all when we hear this spoken of Jesus, we hear it as a “voice” which came out of a cloud the bible says. It was a voice saying what God the Father had indicated for it to announce.
2. It does not say that it was actually God the Father speaking but it says a “voice” out of a cloud said this.
3. This lines up with other scriptures which tell us that no man has seen or heard the voice of God the Father.
4. But we do hear these kinds of “quotations” mentioned often about Jesus from the Father.

But here we have a statement from God the Father about His Son Jesus in the third person.

5. In this statement the scriptures quote the following.

Matthew 3:16-17 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

¹⁷And lo **a voice from heaven**, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

6. Here we read that God the Father is well pleased with His Son. It is an indication to us right from the onset of the NT that God the Father was fully behind His Son in everything that he would eventually accomplish.

The statement of God the Father being well pleased with His Son is mentioned in several other scriptures also.

- It is mentioned again in Matthew Chapter 17 concerning the transfiguration of Jesus.

Matthew 17:4-6 King James Version (KJV)

⁴Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

⁵While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

⁶And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

- Both Mark and Luke record the same information for us about God the Father's opinion of His son.

Mark 9:7

And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **This is my beloved Son: hear him.**

Luke 9:35

And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, **This is my beloved Son: hear him.**

- Then in the Epistles we find another reference concerning this statement.

2 Peter 1:16-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

¹⁸**And this voice which came from heaven we heard,** when we were with him in the holy mount.

7. In this statement from Peter we are reassured and it is reconfirmed that this voice which they heard came from heaven.
8. But again it did not say that the Father actually verbalised this statement but that **there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory.**
9. It also said that **this voice which came from heaven we heard**.
10. So although they heard this voice it was a voice from heaven confirmed by God the Father about His Son.

- From these statements about His Son, God the Father was already pleased. He was pleased with His Son even prior to the cross.
- God the Father has always eternally been pleased by His Son. After all in Genesis 1:1 Jesus made the earth?
- But we can glean even more from these statements. In that Jesus is God the Father's Son.
- Jesus did not just become God the Father's Son in the manger of Bethlehem. Have you ever thought about that?
- After all Nebuchadnezzar saw Jesus in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3:25.

Daniel 3:25 King James Version (KJV)

²⁵He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God.**

- Jesus is eternal just in the same way as the Father is eternal.
- 1. But.....Just so that it was clear to others and everyone who would see or hear about Jesus on earth, God the Father sets up the anointing of His Son so that every eye could be a witness to how important Jesus was.
- 2. This was a Jesus who would physically be seen by many in his earthly ministry to proclaim the work that his father had given to him to do.
- 3. So.....It is God the Father who makes a point of making it known to "all" that it is "His Son" with whom he is well pleased.
- And.....therefore.....because of that God the Father adds onto that phrase....."hear ye Him".
- 1. It is because people will hear Jesus and believe,.....that people will be forgiven of their sins and be healed eternally.
- 2. It is because people will hear Jesus....that their lives will be changed physically and spiritually forever.
- So that statement of God the Father about His Son is true.....and it means that God's Son can be trusted.....because if the Father trusted Him.....then we can also trust Him.
- For there is no name given among men on earth whereby you can be saved.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

✚ **With that in mind let us examine the scriptures.**

We started off by looking at the gospels of Matthew Mark and Luke.

Then we saw the book of Acts.

1. It is in the book of Acts that we see a reference to Jesus being God the Father's beloved Son.
2. But it is a reference to Jesus being the first to be raised from the dead after His crucifixion.
3. It is in the book of Acts that we see the reference of Jesus not only being God's Son, but that it had been also recorded way back in the OT also.

Acts 13:33

God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

4. The Son of God, who is Jesus, is the first begotten from the dead. (every man in his own order 1 Corinthian 15 tells us this).

1 Corinthians 15:23

But **every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

5. But when we look at this reference to Jesus we notice that it is Jesus that they are talking about in the OT scriptures.

Question: How is that possible that Jesus can be begotten?

6. Well it is possible because Jesus has always been eternal.

Let's look at Psalm 2.

Psalm 2 King James Version (KJV)

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, and **the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed**, saying,

³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

⁵Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

⁶Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (Revelation 2:27)

¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

7. It is Psalm 2 which Acts 13:33 was referring to. It was speaking about the fact that Jesus would bring salvation and that it would be Jesus who will be ruling with a rod of iron.

8. But it is also reinforcing the fact that it is God "The LORD" who would raise up Jesus "bodily" from the dead. It speaks of the LORD raising Jesus from the dead..... **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

➤ We have many scriptures which refer to Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, or His beloved son.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, **the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time, **the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son,** that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

Hebrews 1:5

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Hebrews 5:5

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, **Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.**

- ✓ The OT spoke of the resurrection of Jesus.
- ✓ Jesus was known in the OT as Jehovah, or YHWH, and many times sharing the Title of LORD with His Father when referring to God.
- ✓ Without the resurrection there could be no salvation. The OT spoke about it, and the NT revealed it.

1 John 4:8-10 King James Version (KJV)

⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

⁹In this was manifested the love of God toward us, **because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world**, that we might live through him.

¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Revelation 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

- ✓ Within the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew 17 the disciples as well as us, saw a glimpse of Jesus in His current glorified state.
- ✓ We also saw that like Elias or Elijah and Moses, we will be in our resurrected bodies serving the Lord Jesus.

You see the first time Jesus came, it was the kings of the earth that passed judgement against the Lord Jesus.

- ✓ But the second time Jesus comes he is going to pronounce judgment on them.

Acts 4:26

The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

- ✓ Jesus is the King of Kings.

Revelation 6:14-16 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁴And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

¹⁶And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

- God the beloved Son is the Salvation of all the earth.
- Seek Him whilst He can still be found.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....