# Beloved: From Matthew 6 to the Beloved Son

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> *“This is my **beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”* — **Matthew 3:17 (KJV)**

> **Highlight key:** = Spirit / life · = precious promise · = covenant · **teal** = faith · **bold** = key terms

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Five threads in Scripture — **you, David, Jesus, John, and Abraham** — show that belovedness comes *before* provision, boldness, and ministry.

| Thread | Anchor | Lesson |
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| **1. You** | Matthew 6:25–32 | **Much more** — value before supply |
| **2. David** | 1 Sam. 17:45 · Dan. 10:11 | Name = **beloved**; boldness from identity |
| **3. Jesus** | Matt. 3:17 · 4:3–6 | **Beloved Son** before miracles |
| **4. John** | John 13:23 · 21:20 | Known by **nearness**, not rank |
| **5. Abraham** | Gen. 22:8 · 22:13 | **God will provide** before the ram is seen |

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## 1  You — Beloved (Matthew 6:25–32)

Jesus names **what is more valuable** than food and clothing — life and body — then asks whether the Father who gives the greater will withhold the lesser.

**Matthew 6:25**

> *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than*

> *meat, and the body than raiment?*

**Matthew 6:26**

> *Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

**Matthew 6:27**

> *Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*

**Matthew 6:28**

> *And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

**Matthew 6:29**

> *And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

**Matthew 6:30**

> *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

**Matthew 6:31**

> *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

**Matthew 6:32**

> *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

**Romans 8:32**

> *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

**Key points**

- **Value stated before provision promised**.
- The **greater gift** (life, Son) guarantees the lesser (food, clothing).
- Lilies grow **without toil** — rest, not striving.
- **"Much more"** is the heart of the passage.
- **Little faith** = seeing the need, not the Father.

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## 2 David — Beloved by Name

The Hebrew name *David* means **beloved**. Every time his name was spoken, identity was rehearsed.

**1 Samuel 17:45**

> *Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.*

**Daniel 10:11**

> *And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*

**Key points**

- Name *David* = **"beloved"** — heard every time spoken.
- Boldness vs. Goliath came from **belovedness**, not skill alone.
- Daniel parallel: **"greatly beloved"** → strength, boldness.
- Beloved → confidence → worship → leadership → exploits.
- Blessed *because* loved — not loved *because* blessed.

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## 3️⃣ Jesus — The Beloved Son

At the Jordan, before public ministry, the Father speaks identity. In the wilderness, Satan drops the word **“beloved”** — inviting proof through performance rather than rest in sonship.

**Matthew 3:17**

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

**Matthew 4:3**

> *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

**Matthew 4:6**

> *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

**Key points**

- **“Beloved”** spoken before any ministry or miracle.
- Satan’s temptation **drops the word “beloved”**.
- Identity settled first → temptation resisted from **rest**, not proof.
- **Sonship precedes service.**

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## 4️⃣ John — The Beloved Disciple

John rarely names himself. He calls himself **“the disciple whom Jesus loved.”**

**John 13:23**

> *Now there was leaning on Jesus’ bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

**John 21:20**

> *Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?*

**Key points**

- Never names himself — **“the disciple whom Jesus loved.”**
- Identity in **nearness to Jesus**, not name or rank.
- Leaning on Jesus’ chest (13:23) echoes Jesus in the Father’s bosom (John 1:18).
- Belovedness can be the very thing a person is **known by**.

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## 5 Abraham — The LORD Will Provide

On Moriah, Abraham said **“God will provide himself a lamb.”** The ram was already caught in the thicket — provision trusted before it was seen.

**Genesis 22:8**

> *And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.*

**Genesis 22:13**

> *And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

**2 Peter 1:2**

> *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,*

**Key points**

- Abraham trusted provision **before he saw the ram** (22:8).
- The substitute was **already there**, waiting to be seen.
- Provision is often **unseen until the moment of need**, not absent before it.

- **Grace and peace multiply** through knowing God (2 Pet. 1:2) — knowledge, not striving.

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## Do Not Worry — How To?

| Step | Truth | Practice |
|---|---|---|
| **1** | **He will take care** | Proclaim: *God himself will provide.* |
| **2** | **More precious than lilies and birds** | Receive your worth before asking for supply. |
| **3** | **Faith** | Replace little-faith sight with “much more” sight. |

> Beloved first — then bread, then boldness, then the ram in the thicket.

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