Becoming the Object of God's Delight

“Thou art Greatly Beloved”

Daniel 9:23—*At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew* ***thee; for thou art greatly beloved****: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision*.

1. As **John the Beloved** was the writer of the book of Revelation

Daniel is known as “**greatly beloved”**

**Taking nothing from John who was the disciple whom Jesus loved, Daniel was greatly loved.**

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.

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Mt 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mt 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

Mt 17:5 While 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.

Mr 1:11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mr 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.

Lu 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Lu 9:35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Lu 20:13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

Ac 15:25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

2Pe 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Each name stands as a challenge to every believer to follow the Lord more closely than ever before. The emphasis is upon a warm, tender heart.

A local church should be a friendly, welcoming church—an open, gracious church. There should be no strangers in the Lord's church.

The church should *guard against becoming a closed society*, a body of *cliques*, shut up only *to themselves*.

Ro 16:8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

1Co 4:17 ¶ For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Phm 1:1 ¶ Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

Phm 1:16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

Col 4:7 ¶ All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

“thee; for thou art greatly beloved” <chemdah>

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delight:--desire, goodly, pleasant, precious.

1. Thou art a **delight** to be around
2. Thou art a man of **desire**.
3. Thou art a **goodly** man.
4. Thou art a **pleasant** man.
5. Thou art **precious**.
6. Thou art **OBEDIENT**

“and consider” <biyn>

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to separate mentally (or distinguish), understand:--attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill(-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get, give, have) understand(-ing), view, (deal) wise(-ly, man).

(“Therefore”)

Separate mentally (or distinguish), discern, perceive and deal wisely

* 1. Understand the matter
  2. Consider the vision

Daniel 9:23—*At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore* ***understand*** *the matter, and* ***consider*** *the vision.*

Daniel 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

*Lu 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*

*1Ti 4:1 ¶ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

*2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

*2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

*2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

*3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

*4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

*5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

*6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,*

*7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

*8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

*9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*

*2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14-17*

1. There should be no ill feelings in you to keep you from receiving from God.
   1. Instead of having misunderstandings we have understanding.
   2. Instead of being inconsiderate, we consider the vision.
   3. Instead of being contented, we press on for more,
      1. A greater understanding of what is going on.
      2. A greater vision for the lost
         1. To warn them
         2. To win them
2. Daniel grew very fervent in prayer and very strong in his affections.
   1. Praying fervently was his reasonable service
   2. Having understanding and considering the vision was his reasonable service.

Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

* 1. Reasoning doesn’t work as well without right understanding.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Song 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song 6:3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

Ps 45: 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; 11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

To become the object of God’s Love-(Desire) we must be obedient:

Ro 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Grace is given that we might obey and grace is multiplied as we obey.

God delights to show Himself in the life of the obedient believer.