

# Matthew 17:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The Father's voice from the cloud—"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him"—echoes His baptismal declaration (3:17) with the addition: 'hear ye him.' This command elevates Jesus' authority above Moses and Elijah. The 'bright cloud' represents divine presence (Shekinah), recalling the cloud guiding Israel (Exodus 13:21-22) and filling the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34). God's audible affirmation authenticates Jesus as the Prophet greater than Moses whom Israel must hear (Deuteronomy 18:15).

## Historical Context

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The bright cloud engulfing them signified God's immediate presence, terrifying the disciples (v. 6). The Father's words combine Psalm 2:7 (messianic king) and Isaiah 42:1 (suffering servant), defining Jesus' dual role. 'Hear ye him' commands absolute obedience to Jesus' words, even difficult teachings about the cross. This validates Jesus over all prophets.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the command 'hear ye him' challenge your obedience to Jesus' words?
2. What does the Father's repeated affirmation teach about Jesus' unique authority?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐστι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἰδοῦ, νεφέλης φωτεινῇ ἐπεσκίασεν  
**yet** **While he** **spake** **behold** **cloud** **a bright** **overshadowed**  
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αὐτοῦ καὶ ἰδοῦ, φωνὴ ἐκ τῆς νεφέλης λέγουσα  
**While he** **and** **behold** **a voice** **out of** G3588 **cloud** **which said**  
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Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ  
**This** **is** G3588 **Son** **my** G3588 **beloved** **in** **whom**  
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εὐδόκησα· αὐτοῦ ἀκούετε  
**I am well pleased** **While he** **hear ye**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 3:17** (Love): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**Matthew 12:18** (Love): 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.

**Mark 9:7** (Love): And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

**Deuteronomy 18:15** (Parallel theme): The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

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

**John 3:35** (Love): The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

**Revelation 1:7** (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

**Isaiah 42:1** (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**Luke 3:22** (Love): 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.

**Deuteronomy 18:19** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.