



Matthew 17:1-13

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them;



Matthew 17:1-13, cont'd

and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.” And His disciples asked Him, saying,



Matthew 17:1-13, cont'd

“Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.



HEAR YE HIM!

Matthew 17:1-13

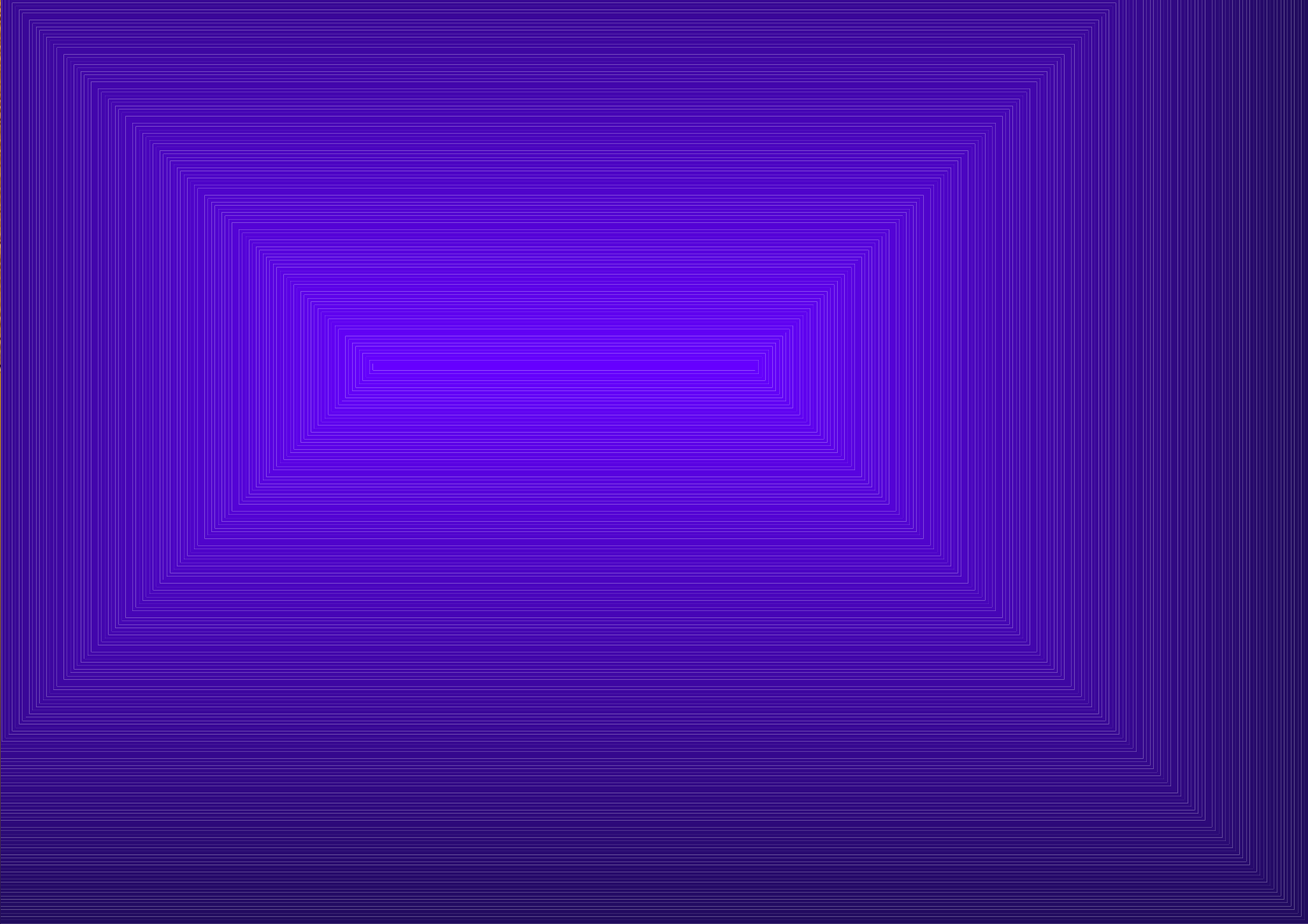


An occasion of strengthening and encouragement

- ◆ Luke 9:30-31, And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- ◆ Matthew 16:24, Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- ◆ Why should we hear Jesus?



1. Because of Who He is





Matthew 17:15

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!**”



1. Because of Who He is

- ◆ Jesus has all authority and all power.



Romans 1:4

and declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.



Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.



1. Because of Who He is

- ◆ Jesus has all authority and all power.
- ◆ It is by His authority that we are saved.



Acts 2 36-28

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



1. Because of Who He is

- ◆ Jesus has all authority and all power.
- ◆ It is by His authority that we are saved.
- ◆ To His authority, we must yield.



Romans 6:13

And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

2. Because of What He Did





Matthew 17:12

But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.”



2. Because of What He Did

- ◆ God's goodness should bring about repentance and obedience.



Romans 2:4

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?



Psalm 78:13-17

He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap. In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire. He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave *them* drink in abundance like the depths. He also brought streams out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers. But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.



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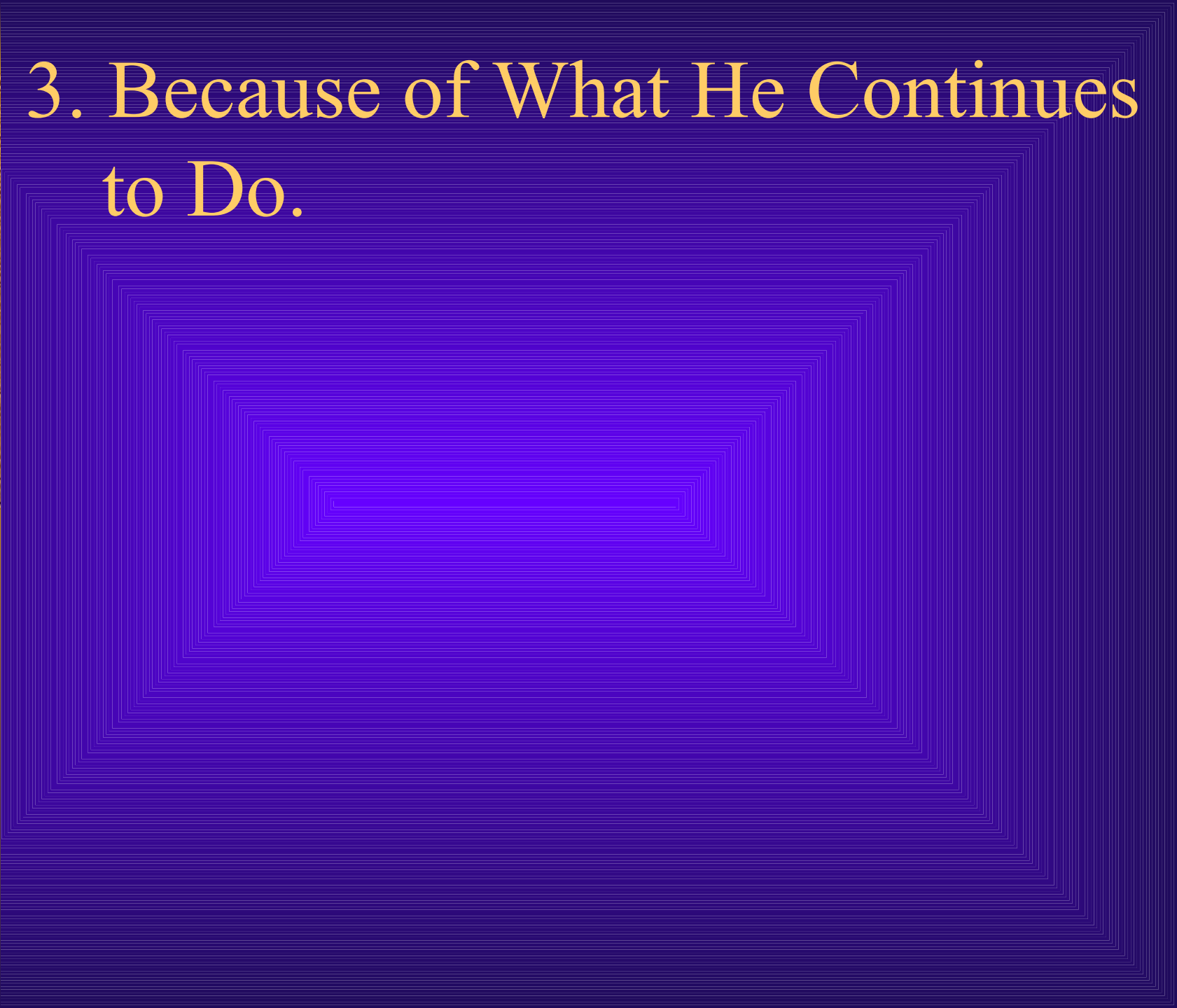
- ◆ God's goodness should bring about repentance and obedience.
- ◆ Consider Paul's argument to the Corinthians.



1 Cor. 1:12-13

Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

3. Because of What He Continues to Do.





Matthew 17:7

But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”

3. Because of What He Continues to Do.

- ◆ Jesus reconciles us. Because of His presence, they were able to be in the presence of God.





2 Cor. 5:18-19

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.



Ephesians 2:16

and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

3. Because of What He Continues to Do.

- ◆ Jesus reconciles us. Because of His presence, they were able to be in the presence of God.
- ◆ Jesus' High Priesthood gives us boldness in God's presence.





Hebrews 2:17

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.



Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in *all points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3. Because of What He Continues to Do.

- ◆ Jesus reconciles us. Because of His presence, they were able to be in the presence of God.
- ◆ Jesus' High Priesthood gives us boldness in God's presence.
- ◆ Jesus' presence removes the fear of men.





Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*” So we may boldly say: “*The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*”



HEAR YE HIM...

- ◆ Because of Who He Is
 - Powerful and authoritative
- ◆ Because of What He Did
 - Our Saviour
 - We should be penitent and obedient
- ◆ Because of What He Does
 - Reconciles us
 - Gives us courage



Men come and go, ie. Moses
and Elijah, but Jesus is
forever.

Have you heard
HIM?