



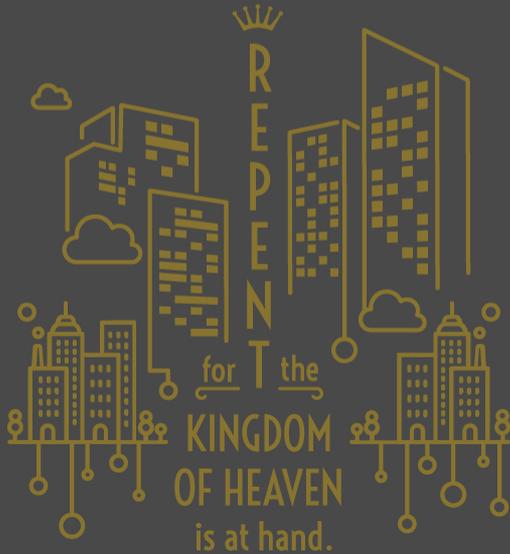
Getting Our Identity Back

Matt. 17:1-8

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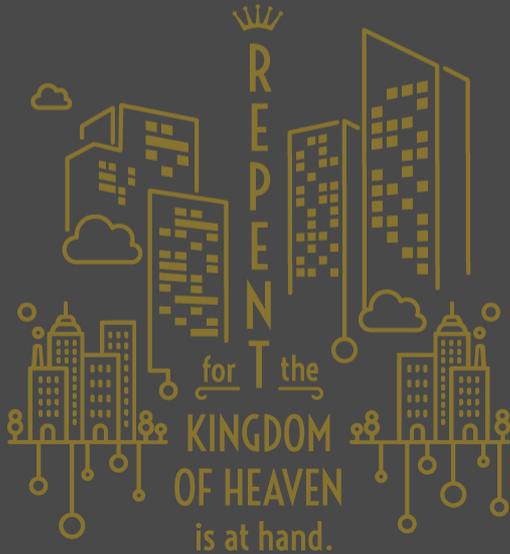
Mt. 17:1-8 - The Transfiguration

17 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and *led them up on a high mountain by themselves. **2** And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. **3** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. **4** Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”



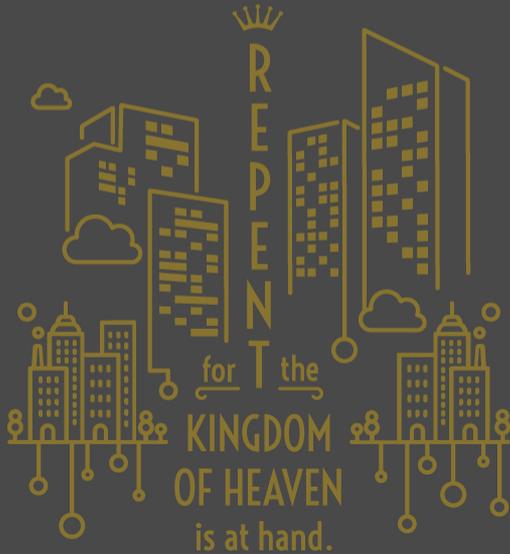
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17 ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. ⁷ And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.



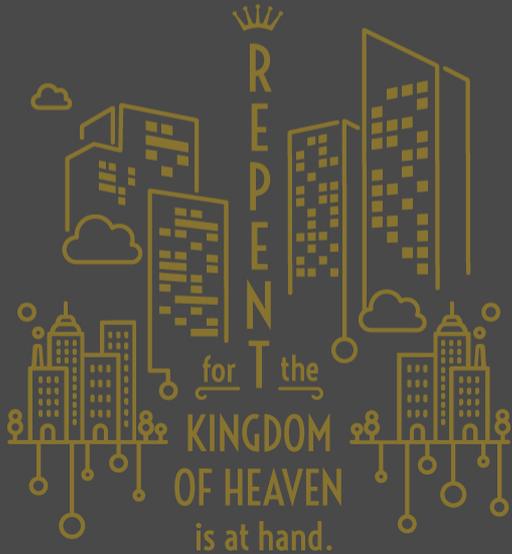
Ex. 19:5-6 – Our Call

⁵ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ **and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'**



1 Peter 2:9-10 – Peter Affirms the Call

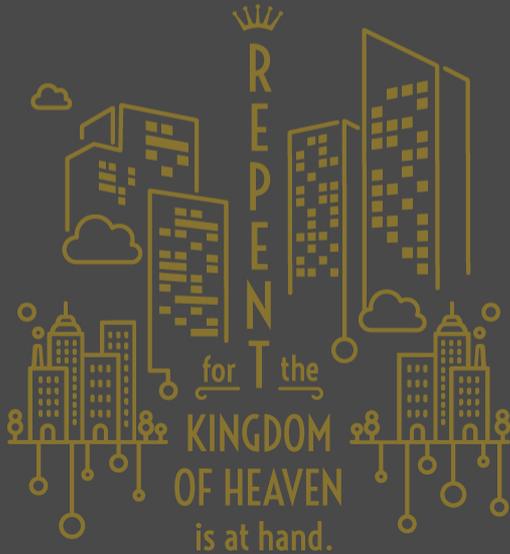
⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God.



Carrying on the Moral and Prophetic Tradition of the Kingdom

Ex. 20:20 - Moses

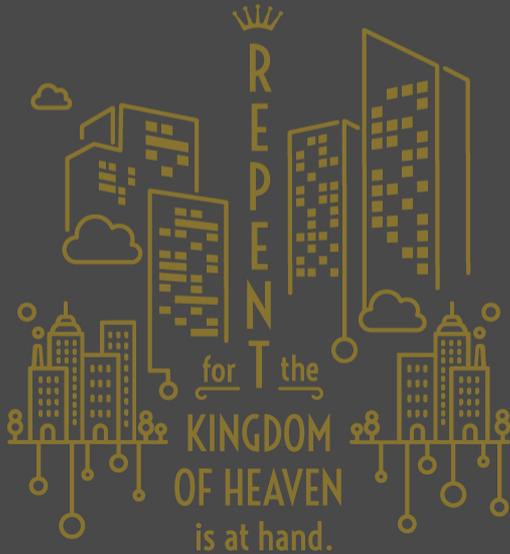
Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and **in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.**”



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I Ki. 18:21 - Elijah

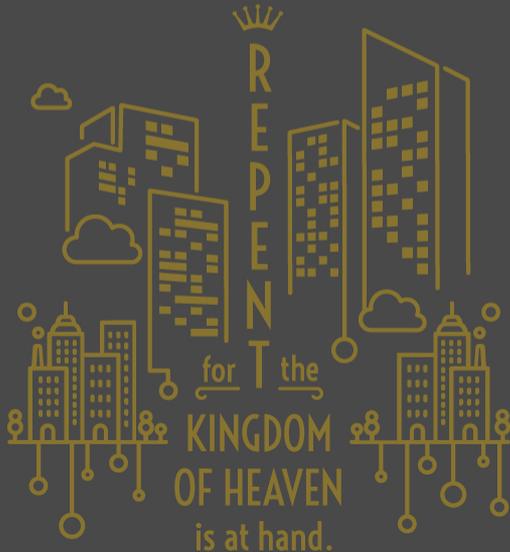
Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”



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1 Peter 2:1-10 – Peter's 4 C's

- 1 - Christian (v.2-3 – new born babes)
- 2 - Church (v. 5 - spiritual house = church)
- 3 - Covenant (v.9 - royal priesthood)
- 4 - Great Commission (v. 9b - proclaim excellencies)



Our Identity Involve a Collective Commitment.

I Cor. 6:1-7 - Paul

⁵ I say *this* to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, ⁶ but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

