

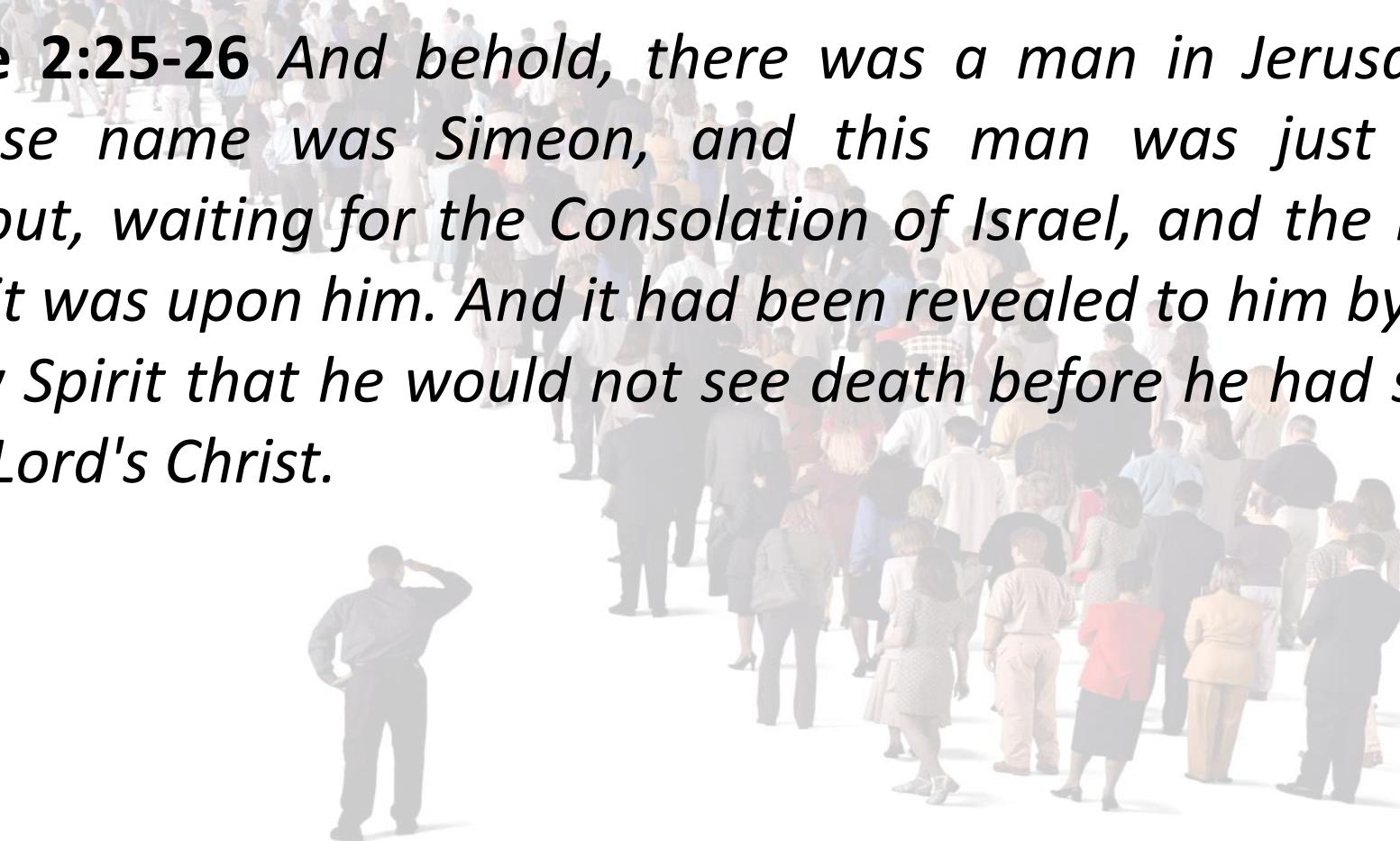
Experiencing Christmas with Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:25-32 (Simeon); 36-38 (Anna)



Experiencing Christmas is WAITING for Christmas!

Luke 2:25-26 *And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*



Learning to Wait



Experiencing Christmas is WAITING for Christmas!

*Luke 2:27-32 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, **he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:** Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.*

Proverbs 4:25-27

(1) Look straight ahead, and (2) fix your eyes on what lies before you. (3) Mark out a straight path for your feet; (4) stay on the safe path. (5) Don't get sidetracked; (6) keep your feet from following evil.



Experiencing Christmas is WORSHIPPING the Lord

Luke 2:36-38 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but **served God with fastings and prayers night and day.** And coming in that instant **she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.**

Job 11:13-16

*IF only you would (1) prepare your heart and (2) lift up your hands to him in prayer! (3) Get rid of your sins, and leave all iniquity behind you. (4) **THEN** your face will brighten with innocence. You will be strong and free of fear. You will forget your misery; it will be like water flowing away.*