



THE GREATEST GIFT

Biblical hope: the confidence that
God's promises will come true.

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

Luke 2:22-32 (ESV)

²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

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²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

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25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

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²⁶ 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.

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²⁷ And Simeon came in 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, ²⁸ he took Jesus up in his arms and blessed God and said,

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29 “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;

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³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation
³¹ that You have prepared in the presence of
all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and for glory to Your people
Israel.”

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³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,

Luke 2:36-38 (ESV)

37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

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38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to **make a defense to
anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope
that is in you**; yet do it with gentleness and
respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

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