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The image features a central black circle containing text. The circle is surrounded by a decorative border composed of a mosaic of blue and purple geometric shapes, resembling stained glass or a mosaic pattern. The text is centered within the black circle.

JOHN 1:14 (ESV)

**AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND
DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE
SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE
ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL
OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**

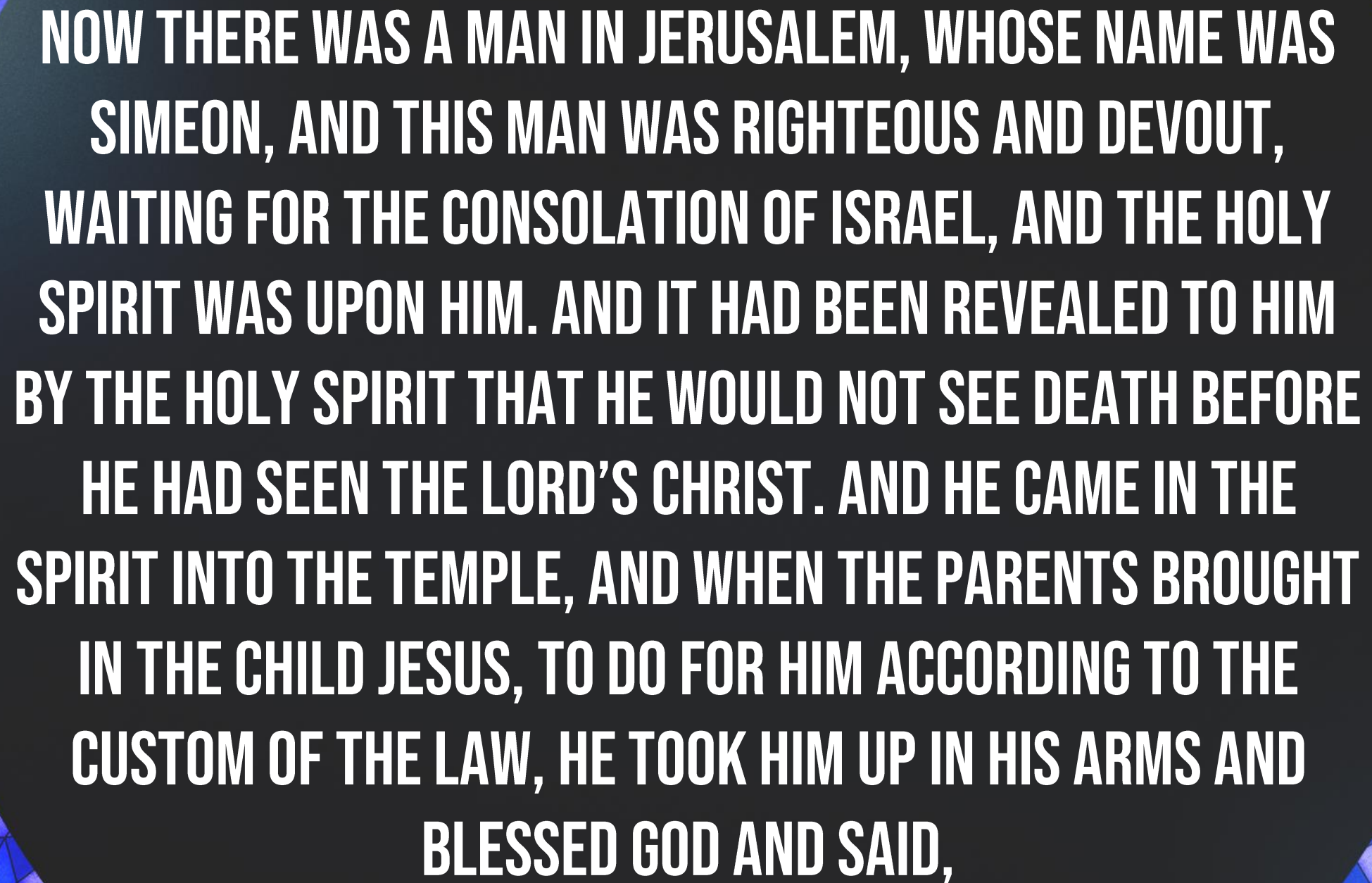


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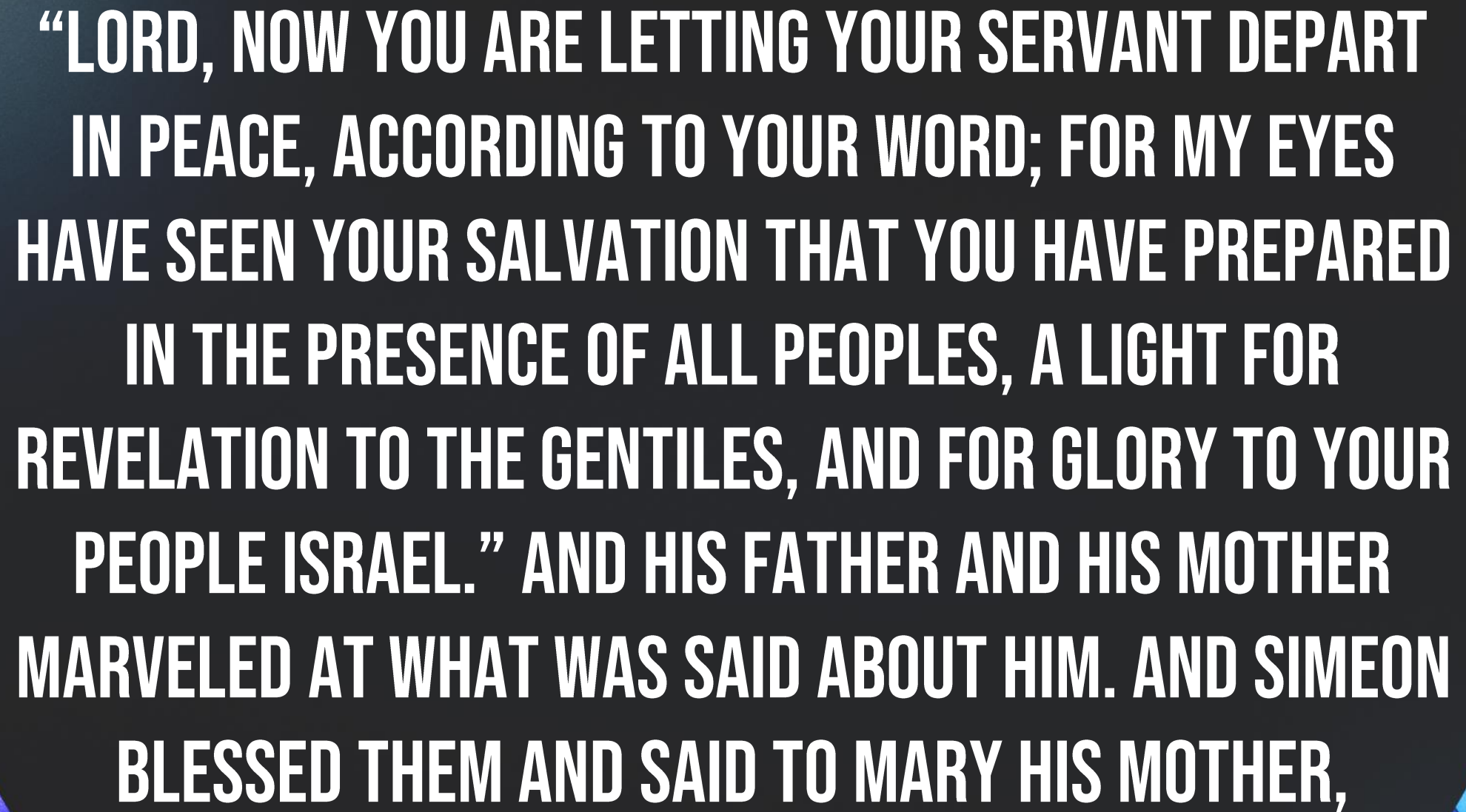
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LUKE 2:21-38 (ESV)

AND AT THE END OF EIGHT DAYS, WHEN HE WAS CIRCUMCISED, HE WAS CALLED JESUS, THE NAME GIVEN BY THE ANGEL BEFORE HE WAS CONCEIVED IN THE WOMB. AND WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR THEIR PURIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF MOSES, THEY BROUGHT HIM UP TO JERUSALEM TO PRESENT HIM TO THE LORD (AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, “EVERY MALE WHO FIRST OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”) AND TO OFFER A SACRIFICE ACCORDING TO WHAT IS SAID IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.”



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. 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. AND HE 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, HE TOOK HIM UP IN HIS ARMS AND BLESSED GOD AND SAID,

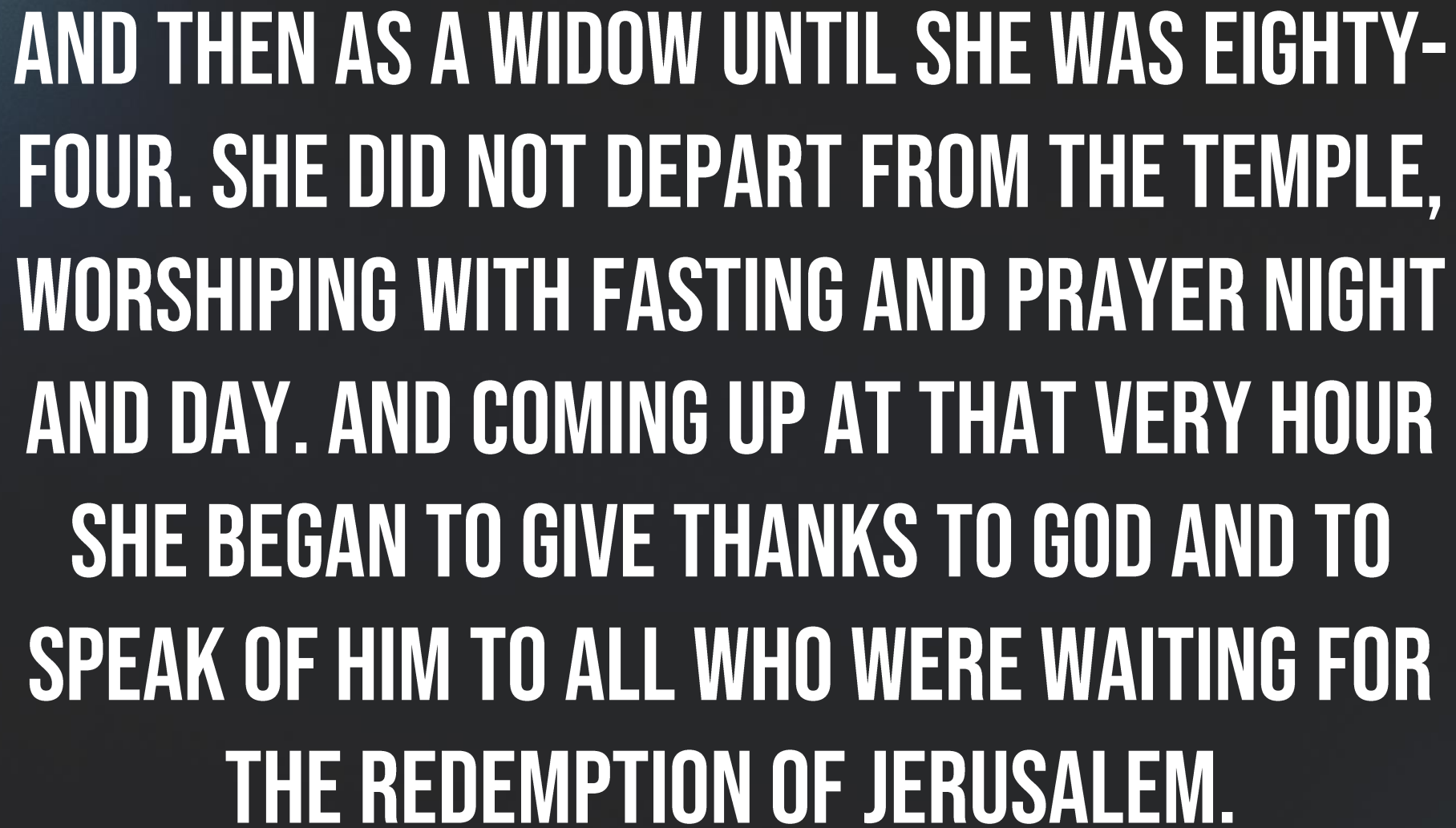


**“LORD, NOW YOU ARE LETTING YOUR SERVANT DEPART
IN PEACE, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD; FOR MY EYES
HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION THAT YOU HAVE PREPARED
IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL PEOPLES, A LIGHT FOR
REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, AND FOR GLORY TO YOUR
PEOPLE ISRAEL.” AND HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER
MARVELED AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT HIM. AND SIMEON
BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO MARY HIS MOTHER,**



**“BEHOLD, THIS CHILD IS APPOINTED FOR THE FALL
AND RISING OF MANY IN ISRAEL, AND FOR A SIGN
THAT IS OPPOSED (AND A SWORD WILL PIERCE
THROUGH YOUR OWN SOUL ALSO), SO THAT
THOUGHTS FROM MANY HEARTS MAY BE REVEALED.”**

**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,**

The image features a large black circle in the center, surrounded by a decorative border of blue and purple mosaic tiles. The text is written in white, bold, uppercase letters within the black circle.

**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. 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.**



WAITING FOR THE PROMISE OF GOD

The image features a large black circle centered on a background of a blue mosaic pattern. The mosaic consists of irregular, multi-colored blue and purple tiles. Inside the black circle, the text is displayed in a clean, sans-serif font. The first line is in blue, and the subsequent lines are in white.

HEBREWS 11:1 (ESV)

**NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE OF
THINGS HOPED FOR, THE
CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.**



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RECEIVING THE PROMISE OF GOD

LUKE 2:24 (NLT)

24 SO THEY OFFERED THE SACRIFICE
REQUIRED IN THE LAW OF THE LORD—
“EITHER A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR
TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.”

LEVITICUS 12:6-8A (NLT)

“WHEN THE TIME OF PURIFICATION IS COMPLETED FOR EITHER A SON OR A DAUGHTER, THE WOMAN MUST BRING A ONE-YEAR-OLD LAMB FOR A BURNT OFFERING AND A YOUNG PIGEON OR TURTLEDOVE FOR A PURIFICATION OFFERING. SHE MUST BRING HER OFFERINGS TO THE PRIEST AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TABERNACLE. THE PRIEST WILL THEN PRESENT THEM TO THE LORD TO PURIFY HER.

**THEN SHE WILL BE CEREMONIALLY CLEAN AGAIN AFTER
HER BLEEDING AT CHILDBIRTH. THESE ARE THE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR A WOMAN AFTER THE BIRTH OF A
SON OR A DAUGHTER. "IF A WOMAN CANNOT AFFORD
TO BRING A LAMB, SHE MUST BRING TWO
TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.**



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