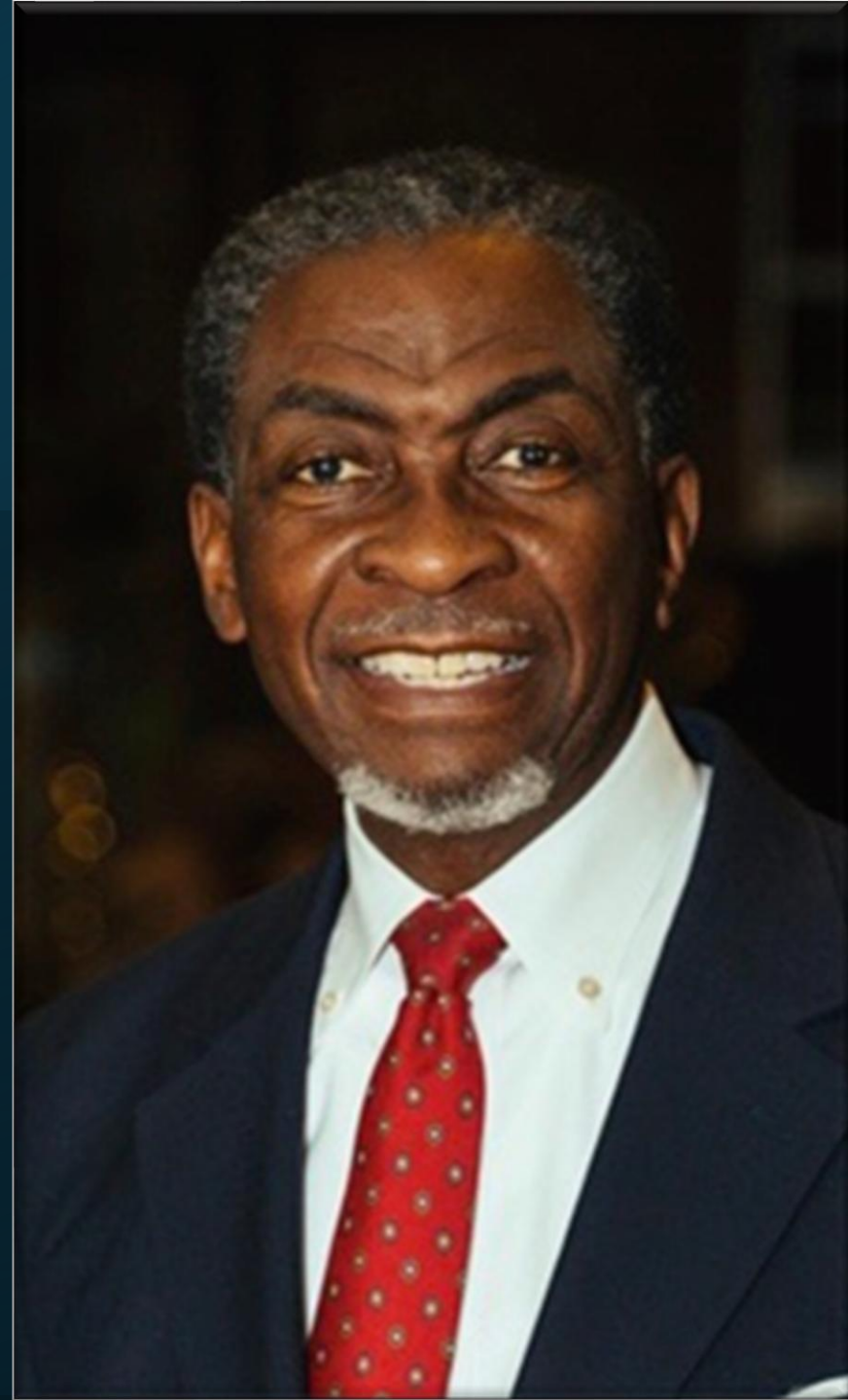


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Are You Waiting for Consolation?



Key Verse

Luke 2:25 NKJV

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.

Consolation

- The return of hope, or comfort
- Assistance with loss and suffering
- Liberty, fellowship, divine Presence

Historical Setting

Luke 2:22-24 NKJV

22 Now when the days of her purification **according to the law** of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (**as it is written in the law** of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord".),

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"

To receive God's consolation

Luke 2 NKJV

1. Seeking the will of God (righteousness) and having a (faithfully) walk before others positions us for blessings

25 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.

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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2. Fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit positions us to be led by the Spirit.

3. The blessing of receiving the consolation

27 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,

28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; to the Gentiles, And the

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30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation

31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

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33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

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Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

4. The Consolation!