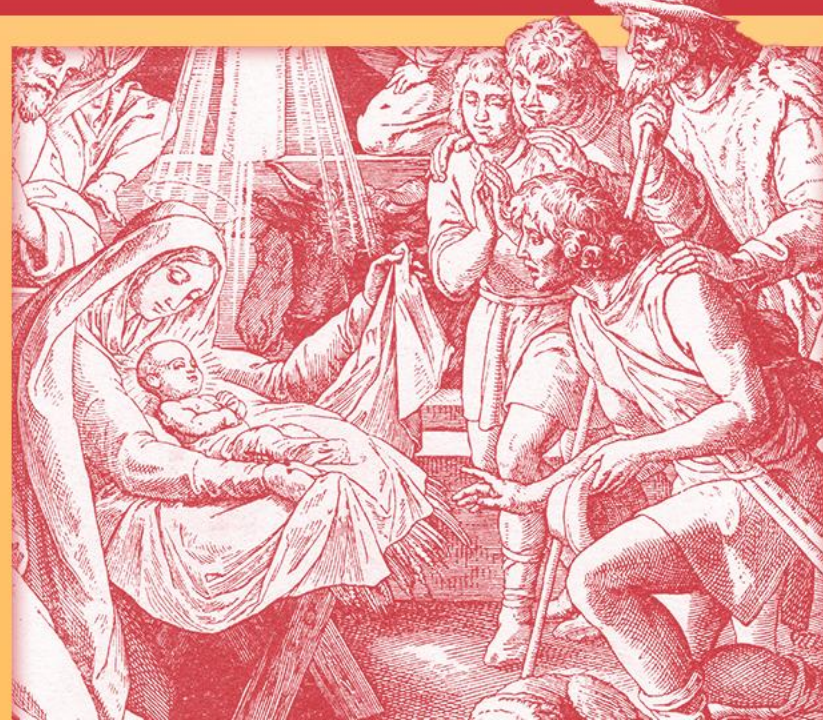
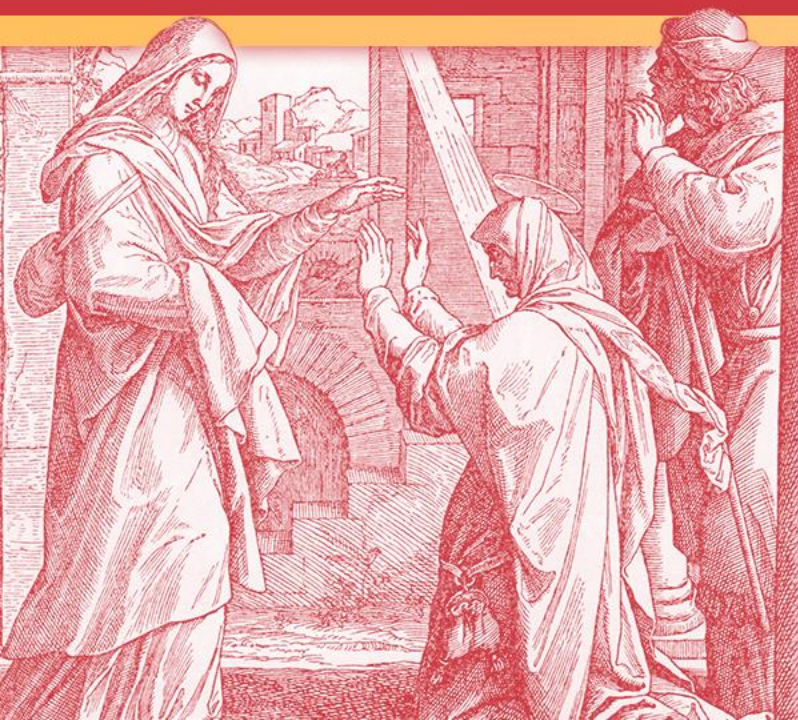




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CHRISTMAS & PEOPLE LIKE US





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. 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. 27 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, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said...
Luke 2:25-38 (ESV)

**29 “Lord, now you are letting
your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
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.”**

Luke 2:25-38 (ESV)



33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 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 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:25-38 (ESV)

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Luke 2:25-38 (ESV)

Christmas & Those Who Are Waiting

Luke 2:25-38

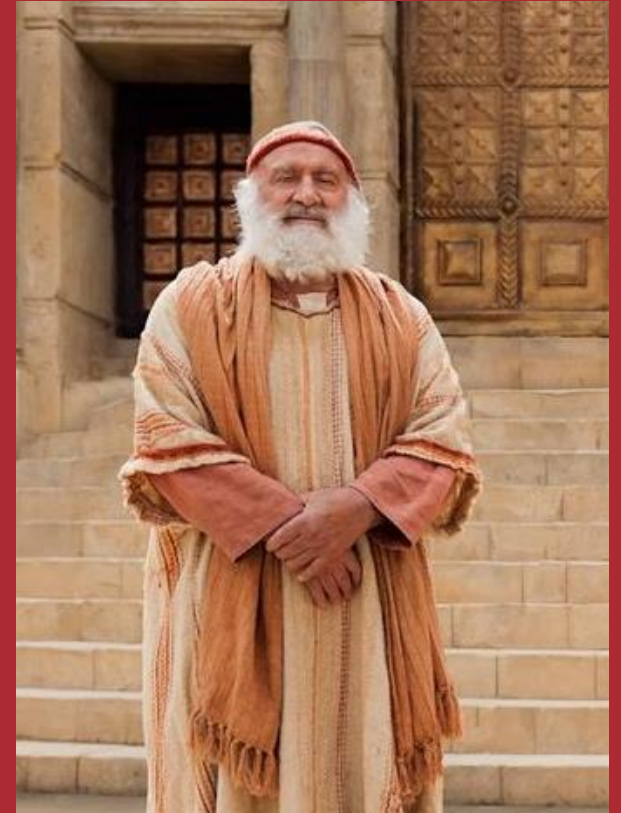
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- 2. What are they waiting for?**
- 3. How do they wait?**
- 4. What is the result of their waiting?**

Who Is Waiting?

Simeon

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Luke 2:25-26, 29



Who Is Waiting?

Anna

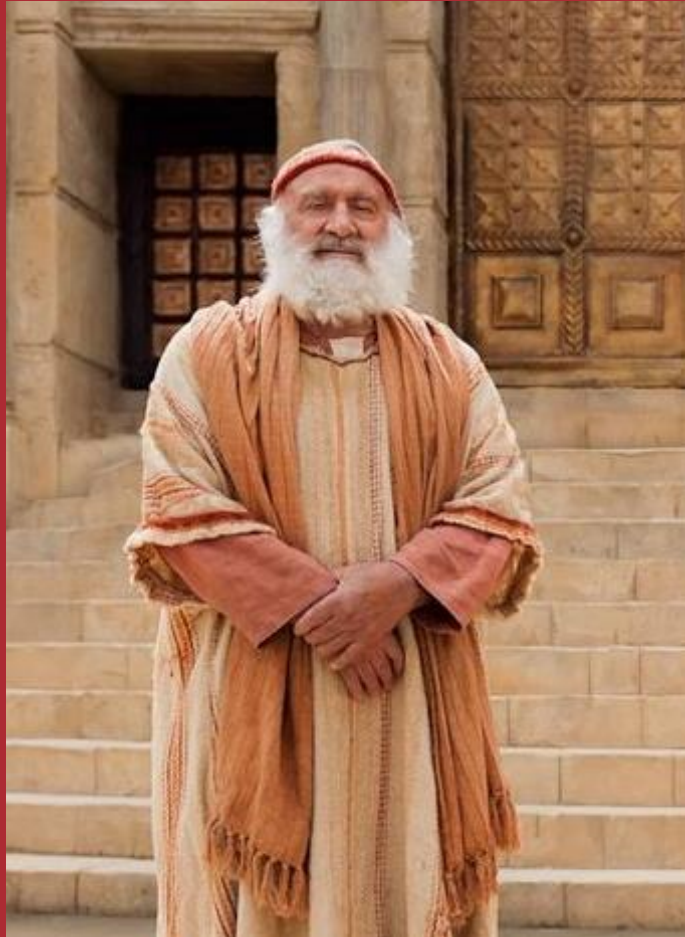
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Luke 2:36-37



Who Is Waiting?

Simeon & Anna



What Are They Waiting For?

- **The Consolation of Israel (v.25)**
- **The Redemption of Jerusalem (v.38)**
- **The Lord's Christ (v.26)**



How Do They Wait?

Contemporary Meaning of “Waiting”	Biblical Meaning of “Waiting”
Passive	Active
Neutral	Positive, Hopeful

יָכַל (*yakhal*) = To wait for, hope

קָוָה (*qavah*) = Wait, hope

How Do They Wait?

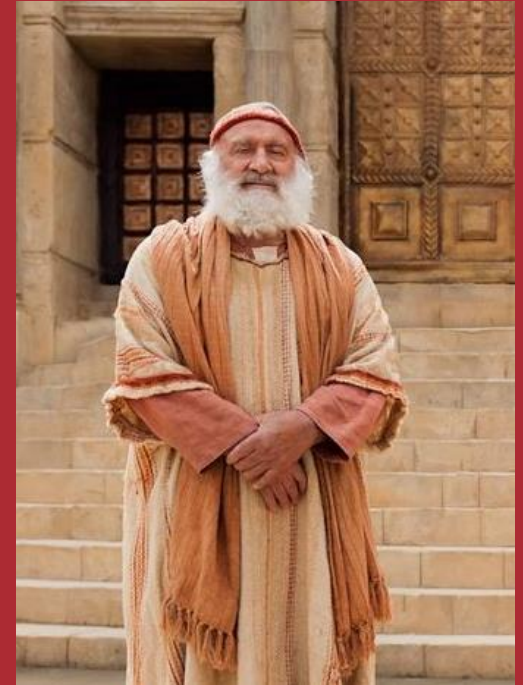
⁵ I *wait (qavah)* for the LORD, my soul *waits (yakal)*,
and in his word I *hope (yakal)*;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, *hope (yakal)* in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.



Psalm 130

How Do They Wait?

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

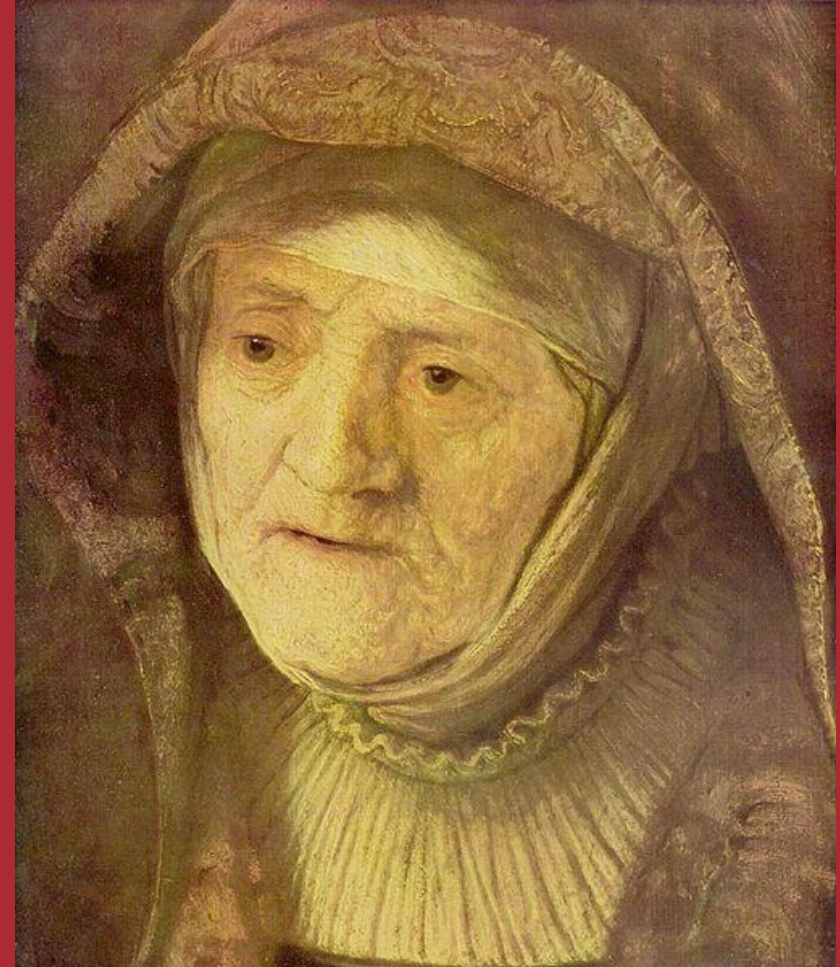
Mark 13:32-37

How Do They Wait?

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:11-14

What Is The Result of Their Waiting?



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Luke 2:34b-35



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Luke 2:29-30**

Christmas & Those Who Are Waiting

Luke 2:25-38

1. Who is waiting?

Simeon & Anna (Two ordinary people)

2. What are they waiting for?

The Lord's Christ

3. How do they wait?

Actively & Hopefully

4. What is the result of their waiting?

It Is Worth It



Clyde Johnson
August 28, 1929 –
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