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*What is hope really?*

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*Hope is a positive or optimistic expectation for something good in the future.*

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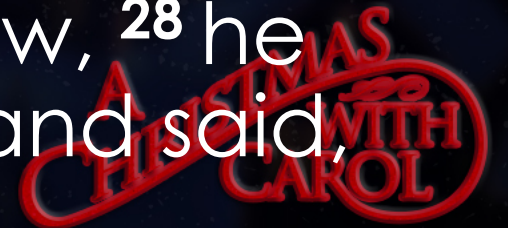
*Biblical hope is a confident expectation for something good based on God's promises.*

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# Luke 2:25-28

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,



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<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen ***your salvation*** <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a ***light for revelation to the Gentiles***, and for ***glory to your people Israel***.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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



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<sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”



# *The Posture of Hope*





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*What is the posture of your heart in this current season of “waiting?”*

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# *The Promise of Hope*

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# Luke 2:26-32

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*The coming of Jesus meant the promise of redemption & recovery!*

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***“Redemption and recovery are God’s antidote to human brokenness and loss.”***

***- (Jack Hayford, Hayford’s Bible Handbook, P. 171).***



# *The Power of Hope*

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*In what or in whom are you hoping will bring redemption or recovery?*

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- in yourself?**
- in your friends?**
- in religion?**
- in politics?**
- in science?**
- in humanity?**
- in knowledge?**



*The gift of hope is the promise of Jesus coming to redeem what is broken and recover what is lost. It is always possible with Jesus! Always possible!*

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