All I Want For Christmas

Keep Hope Alive

Luke 2:25-32

"At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your <u>salvation</u>,

Hope Of Eternal Life

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Hope For Something Better

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Romans 4:18

"Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!"

Hope Sustains You When Life Is Hard

³¹ which you have prepared <u>for all people</u>. ³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Hebrews 10:23

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."