

## Hope in the Waiting

Luke 2:22-38 | Paul Bauman

### Hope Clarification

- I. **Secular understanding** – a subjective feeling of anticipation regarding a future outcome.
- II. **Biblical understanding** – the sure and confident expectation of receiving what God has promised.

### Observations regarding Simeon and Anna

- ❖ Luke describes Simeon as waiting daily, expectantly, and faithfully for Christ.
- ❖ Like Simeon, Anna has daily, expectantly, and faithfully waited a long-time for the arrival of the Messiah but she has done so without a promise that He would come in her lifetime.

### Practical Applications

- ❖ Guard against growing weary in the waiting. (cf. Psalm 13:1-3 & 43:5)
  - a) Doubt
  - b) Discouragement
  - c) Dryness
- ❖ Look back often for God's faithfulness to His word and in your life with others. (cf. Hebrews 10:23-25)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

**That's a Wrap!** Seward County packed 944 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Praise God! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, prayed, hosted a packing party, packed a shoebox, or gave during collection week. We are so grateful for each of you. A special thank you to our collection site coordinators, Terry and Robin Zeigler, who have faithfully and joyfully served in this role for 10 years! Please join us in praying for those delivering the shoeboxes and for the children who will receive them—may each gift open the door for the hope and love of Jesus.

**Christmas Decorating:** Join us **today from 1–3pm** as we decorate the church for the Christmas season! We'll need a few strong helpers to bring the Christmas trees down from the attic, but there are plenty of lighter decorating tasks too—so everyone is welcome!

**Join us this Advent!** Explore the story of Christ's coming with your family starting today.



**For Kids & Families:** The Expected One by James Scott is a short daily devotional highlighting Christ's promises—from His birth to His ascension—perfect for little ones and families. Keep Jesus at the center of the holiday hustle. Scan QR to purchase on Amazon.

**For Teens & Adults:** The Advent Project, a free devotional from Biola University, uses art, music, poetry, prayer, Scripture, and daily reflections to guide you through Advent to Epiphany. Prepare your heart for Christmas as we reflect, worship, and anticipate Christ's coming. Scan QR to access this free resource.



**Kids Christmas Choir – December 7:** If your child is singing in the Christmas Choir next Sunday, please scan the QR code for important details.



Scan QR to give or use offering boxes on wall.

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