

Good News of Great Joy

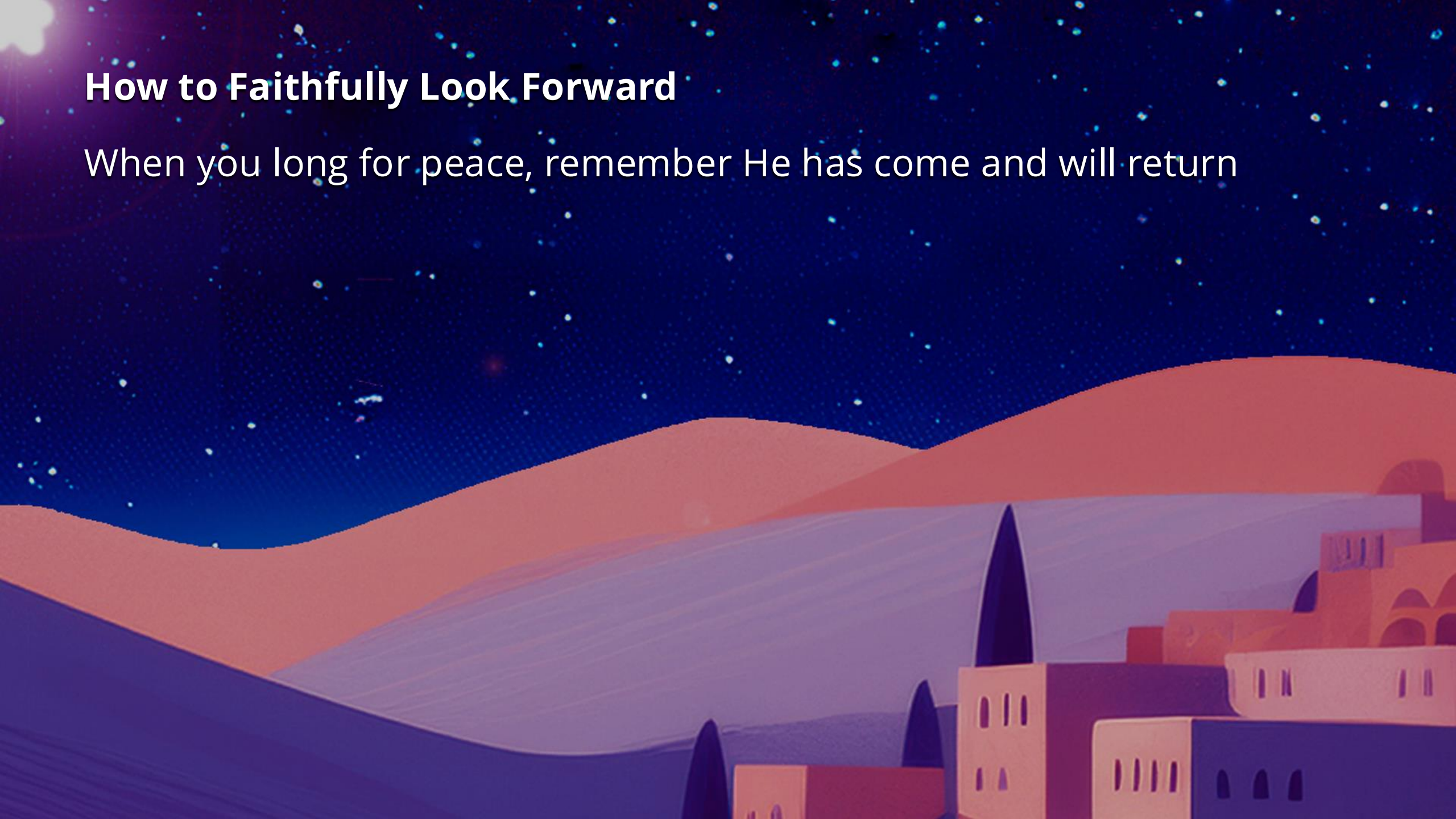


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When the eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus—the name given by the angel before he was conceived. And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were finished, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord) and to offer a sacrifice (according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons).

Luke 2:21-24 CSB

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Luke 2:25-26 CSB



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You are to be **like people waiting for** their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them.

Luke 12:36-37 CSB

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All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man **welcomes** sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2 CSB

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There was a good and righteous man named Joseph, a member of the Sanhedrin, who had not agreed with their plan and action. He was from Arimathea, a Judean town, and **was looking forward to** the kingdom of God.

Luke 23:50-51 CSB

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Each mention of this word in the Gospel of Luke is tied to those seeking to wait on the Lord faithfully, or those longing to be allowed to be among those who wait on the Lord, and in all five uses the Lord remembered and revealed the truth to all who looked forward to the Messiah's coming.

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Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him what was customary under the law, Simeon **took** him **up** in his arms, praised God, and said,

Luke 2:27-28 CSB





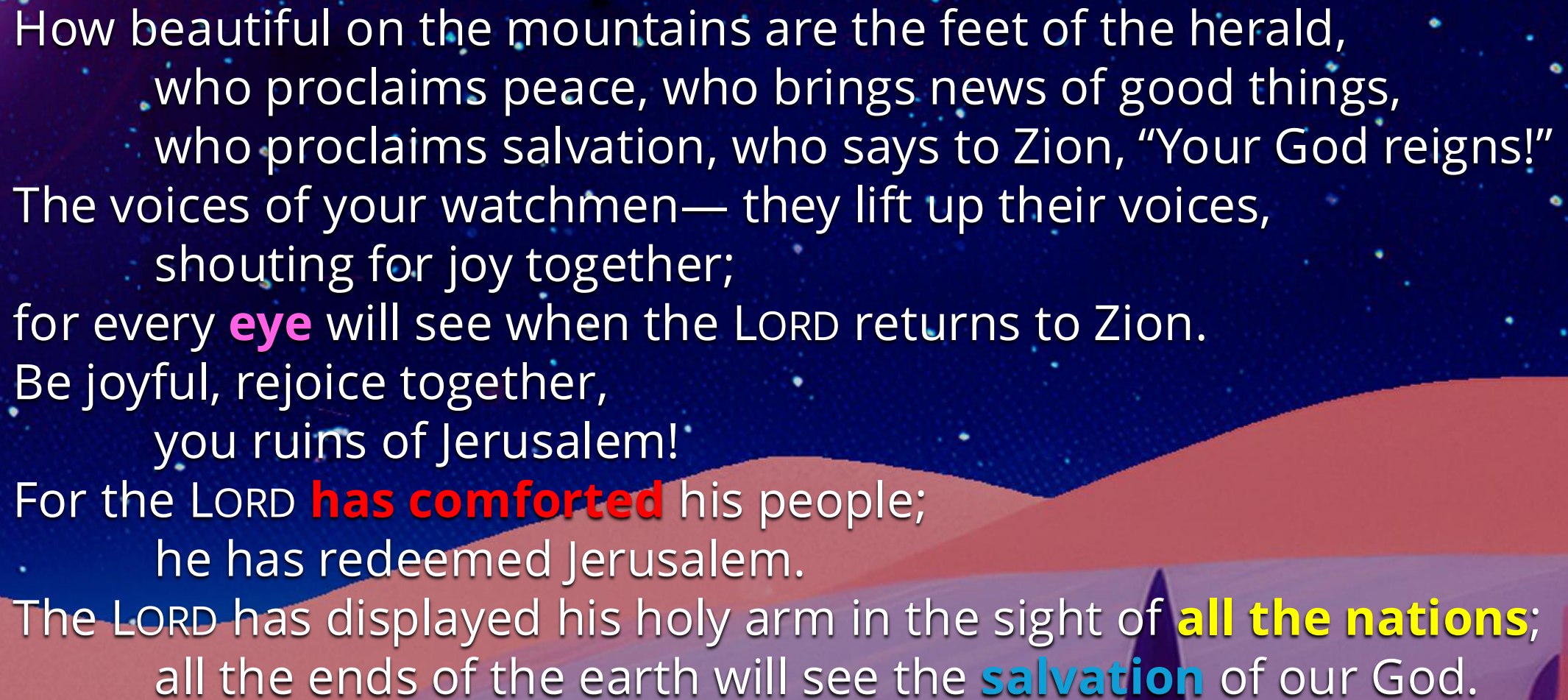
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Now, **Master**, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised.

For my **eyes** have seen **your salvation**.

You have prepared it in the presence of **all peoples**—
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and glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32 CSB



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald,
who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things,
who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
The voices of your watchmen— they lift up their voices,
shouting for joy together;
for every **eye** will see when the LORD returns to Zion.
Be joyful, rejoice together,
you ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD **has comforted** his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has displayed his holy arm in the sight of **all the nations**;
all the ends of the earth will see the **salvation** of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10 CSB



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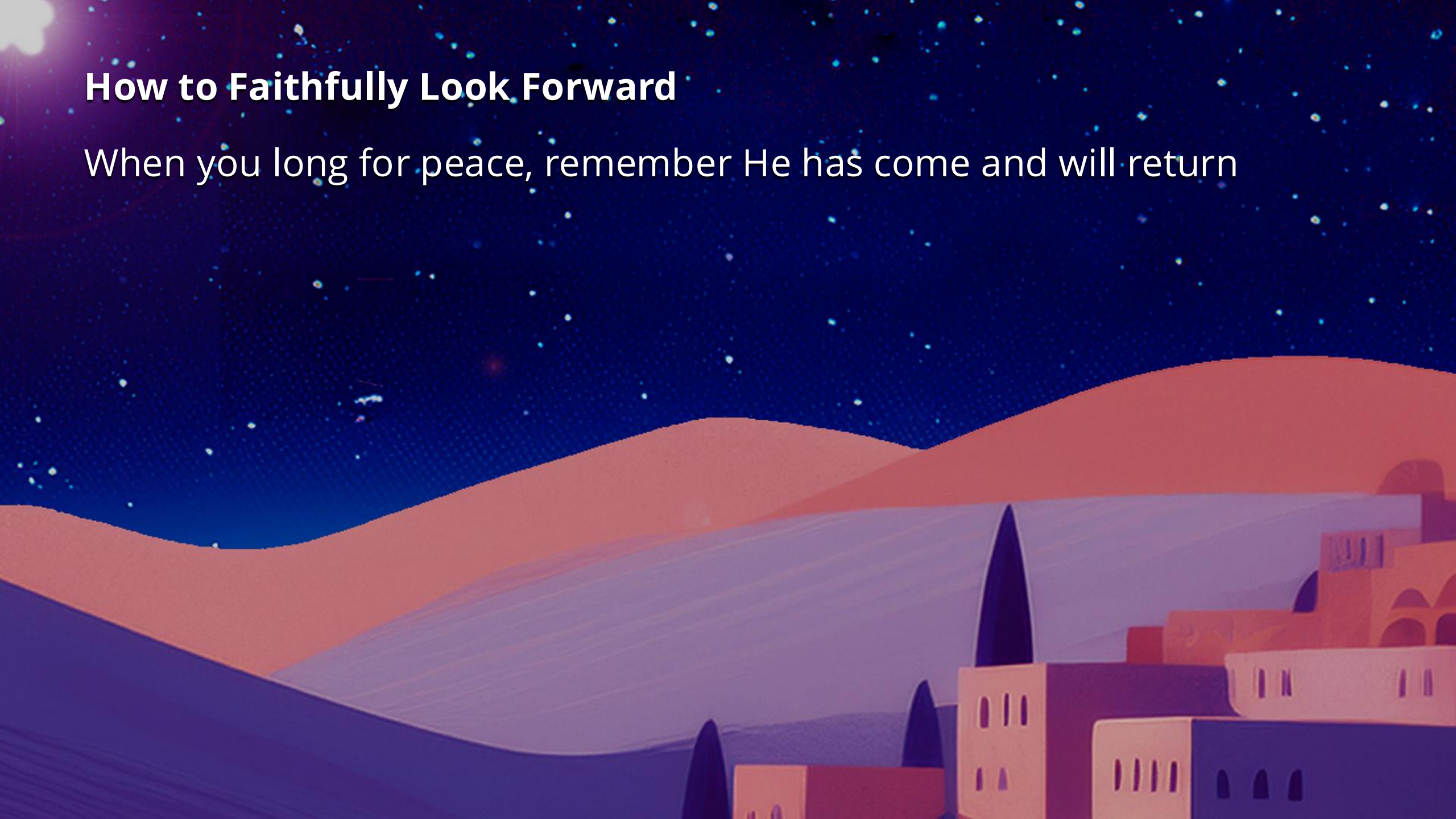
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His father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and told his mother Mary, “Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed—and a sword will pierce your own soul—that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:33-35 CSB

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There was also a prophetess, Anna, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well along in years, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and was a widow for eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayers.

Luke 2:36-37 CSB



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At that very moment, she came up and began to thank God and to speak about him to all who **were looking forward to** the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had completed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The boy grew up and became strong, filled with wisdom, and God's grace was on him.

Luke 2:38-40 CSB

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