













# THEIR HOPE IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

- Luke uses a word which means they were “*alert to His appearance, and ready to welcome Him.*”
- We see this in Luke 2:25 in reference to Simeon: “*...he was waiting for the consolation of Israel...*”
- and in 2:38 to describe Anna who was, “*...waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*”

- *“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.”*
- The name Simeon means, *“one who hears and obeys.”*
- We’re told three things about him.
- He was righteous. His life lined up with God’s Word.
- He was reverent. He took his faith seriously.
- He was receptive. He longed for God to bring consolation in the midst of chaos.

Verse 26 tells us the Holy Spirit  
made it clear to Simeon

*“that he would not taste  
death before he had seen the  
Lord’s Christ.”*

Verse 28 says Simeon reached out and took Jesus out of Mary's arms and began to praise God:

***“He took him up in his arms and blessed God and said...”***

*“I have been looking at the end of life for so long that I wanted to look for a few moments at its beginning.”*



- Luke 2:28-35 (NIV2011) 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” 33 The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Jesus Christ is the Savior, the  
salvation of the world. As  
Simeon said...

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

- 1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB) *5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*
- 1 Timothy 2:5 (LBLA) *5 Porque hay un solo Dios, y también un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Cristo Jesús hombre,*





- Luke 2:34 (NASB) 34 *And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—*
- Luke 2:34 (LBLA) 34 *Simeón los bendijo, y dijo a su madre María: He aquí, este niño ha sido puesto para la caída y el levantamiento de muchos en Israel, y para ser señal de contradicción*

- John 8:24 (NASB) *"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."*
- John 8:24 (LBLA) *Por eso os dije que moriréis en vuestros pecados; porque si no creéis que yo soy, moriréis en vuestros pecados.*

- Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB) **13** *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*
- Matthew 7:13-14 (LBLA) **13** *Entrad por la puerta estrecha, porque ancha es la puerta y amplia es la senda que lleva a la perdición, y muchos son los que entran por ella. 14 Porque estrecha es la puerta y angosta la senda que lleva a la vida, y pocos son los que la hallan.*

Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT2) ***“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”***





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