

Waiting in Hope

Luke 2:21–38

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

Luke 2:22-23

*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.*

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.

Luke 2:25-26

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

Luke 2:29-32

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption...

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:20-21, 23

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25

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 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Luke 2:34-35

And there was a prophetess, Anna...

She was advanced in years, ...

*She did not depart from the temple, worshiping
with fasting and prayer night and day.*

*And coming up at that very hour she began to give
thanks to God and to speak of him to all who
were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

Luke 2:36-37