

Promises Made, Promises Kept

SCENE 8

Expectation

Luke 2:25-38

Introduction:

Simeon & Anna: (Today & Next Sunday)

The Waiters: *Eagerly Expecting the Coming & Comfort of Christ*

The Welcome: *Eagerly Embracing the Appearance & Accomplishment of Christ*

Two Thousand years after the Announcement of the Promise:

Simeon & Anna lived in a Time...

of War...
of Wickedness...
of Waiting...
of Wondering

If We would Live with the Faithful Hope that they displayed:

*When we **Cannot** yet see the Fulfillment of God's Promise, we will Eagerly:*

1. Store up the _____ of God in our Hearts. v. 25
2. Anticipate the _____ of God with Readiness. v. 25 & 38
3. Seek the _____ of God with Humility. v. 38

*When we **Do** see the Fulfillment of God's Promise, we will:*

4. Not be easily distracted by _____.
5. Not limit God's great _____.
6. Find peaceful _____ only in Jesus.

Two Thousand Years after the Appearance of the Promise:

We live in a Time...

of War...
of Wickedness...
of Waiting...
of Wondering

Great blessing still comes to those who Hope patiently in the Lord and Long for the appearance of His Christ!

Luke 2:25-38

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 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. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

29 " Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;
30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation
31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."

33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.