

# **A Thrill of Hope: The Weary World Rejoices**

**Simeon and Anna: Waiting, Seeing, Proclaiming Christ (Luke 2:25–38)**

**Luke 2:25-26 - Now (idou) there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting (prosdechomenos) for the consolation (paraklises) of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon Him. 25 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.**

**R.C. Sproul: "Hope that is not anchored in God's promise is mere wishful thinking."**

**Luke 2:27-28 - And he came in 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, ...**

**Spurgeon: “Men who have the spirit will be led by the spirit. Did ever anybody, who was not led by the spirit, find Christ?”**

**Luke 2:29-32 - Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace (eirene), according to your word; for my eyes have seen (eidon) your salvation that you have prepared (hetoimasas) in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.**

**Calvin: “Christ is the mirror in which we behold our salvation.”**

**Luke 2:33-35- And his father and his mother marveled (thaumazo) at what was said about him. And Simon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed (keitai) for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.**

**Martyn Lloyd-Jones: “The Gospel never leaves us neutral.”**



**Luke 2:36-37- And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting, and prayer night and day.**

**Zacharias Ursinus: “True faith is not a momentary act but a steadfast posture of the soul toward God.”**



Luke 2:38 - 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 Israel.



Spurgeon: “If Christ is precious to you, you will not be able to keep silent about Him.”

**Matthew Henry: “You have been used to take notice of the sayings of dying men—this is mine: that a life spent in the service of God and communion with Him, is the most pleasant life that anyone can live in this world.”**

Whatever you do for a living, make sure that love for Jesus Christ is at the heart of why you are living.

**Adoniram Judson: “A life once spent is irrevocable. It will remain to be contemplated through eternity...If it has been a useless life, it can never be improved. Such will stand forever and ever. The same may be said of each day. When it is once past, it is gone forever. All the marks which we put upon it, it will exhibit forever...Each day will not only be a witness of our conduct, but will affect our everlasting destiny. Not in loss of salvation but of rewards. No day will lose its share of influence in determining where shall be our seat in heaven. How shall we then wish to see each day marked with usefulness! It will then be too late to mend its appearance. It is too late to mend the days that are past. The future is in our power. Let us, then, each morning, resolve to send the day into eternity in such a garb as we shall wish it to wear forever. And at night let us reflect that one more day is irrevocably gone, indelibly marked.”**

**Oswald Chambers Quote: The greatest inspiration in Paul's life was his view of Jesus Christ as his spiritual creditor. Do I feel the same sense of indebtedness to Christ regarding every unsaved soul? As a saint, my life's spiritual honor and duty is to fulfill my debt to Christ in relation to these lost souls. Am I doing anything to enable Him to bring His redemption into evident reality in the lives of others?**

**The same spirit who revealed Christ then still opens eyes today.**