



WAITING  
ON  
THE  
LORD



*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  
Luke 2:22*

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

*(Gal 4:4-5)*





*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. 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,*

*Luke 2:25-27*



*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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “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 2:27-32*



*AN EVENING PRAYER FROM ABOUT 375–380 AD.*

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Ye children, praise the Lord: praise the name of the Lord. We praise Thee, we sing hymns to Thee, we bless Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord our King, the Father of Christ the immaculate Lamb, who taketh away the sin of the world. Praise becomes Thee, hymns become Thee, glory becomes Thee, the God and Father, through the Son, in the most holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen. "Now, O Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.*



*And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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 2:33-35*



## *Anna*

*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 2:37-38**



*And the Child  
continued to grow  
and become strong,  
increasing in wisdom;  
and the grace of God  
was upon Him.*

*(Luke 2:40)*

## *Application*



- *How we wait matters*
- *Trust that God is at work beyond what you can see or understand*
- *Pray and Fast keeping your eyes on Jesus*
- *Let go of your own opinion and expectations of how God will keep His promises*
- *Give testimony when God reveals Himself*