

The Message Notes

Message: The Consolation of Israel: Hope for All Nations

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Text: Luke 2:25-27 CSB



Key Theme:

Simeon reminds us that waiting on God is never wasted, and Jesus—the promised Messiah—is the hope for Israel and for all nations.

“For my eyes have seen your salvation... a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30–32 (CSB)

I. Simeon Waited Well (vv. 25–27)

Simeon was:

1. Righteous – He _____ his life with God’s Word.
2. Devout – He _____ God’s presence.
3. Spirit-led – He trusted _____ God’s timing and leading.

Key Scripture:

*“I waited patiently for the Lord, and he turned to me and heard my cry.”
Psalm 40:1 (CSB)*

Application: Waiting on God is not _____ time, it’s _____ time.

II. The Child Who Saves (vv. 28–32)

For Simeon, Jesus is:

1. Salvation – God’s _____ fulfilled.
2. Light for the _____ - Hope for the outsider.
3. _____ to Israel – God’s faithfulness revealed.

Key Scripture:

“Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 (CSB)

Application: Are we close enough to Jesus to recognize Him—not just His blessings, but His presence?

III. The Prophecy Pierces (vv. 33–35)

1. Following Jesus includes both joy and cost.

2. Salvation would come through suffering, the suffering of Jesus on the cross.

Key Scripture:

“If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 (CSB)

Application: Discipleship is not comfort without cost. Advent reminds us: The _____ leads to the cross.

IV. The Church That Witnesses (v. 32)

Jesus is Hope for All Nations, and the church is called to reflect His light to the world.

Key Scripture:

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14 (CSB)

Application: Hope is not meant to be hidden—it is meant to be shared.

Simeon teaches us to:

1. Wait well and faithfully
2. Recognize the gift of salvation
3. Embrace both the cost and joy of discipleship
4. Witness boldly

As we begin Advent, we declare: Jesus is the Consolation of Israel, The Light of the Nations, Hope for All People.

Closing Thought:

Now Word Covenant Church, you know what it means to wait. You have prayed, persevered, believed, and trusted. So, like Simeon, we declare: waiting well is worth it. The promise is here. Hope has come. And His name is Jesus.