



Making Room • Part 4

Making Room for the Promise

Luke 2:28-32

A Lifetime of Waiting

Luke 2:22-26

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. **He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.** ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Psalm 27:13-14

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

A Faithfulness in Waiting

Luke 2:27-32

²⁷ **Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.** When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ **For my eyes have seen your salvation,** ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.**”

Isaiah 51:4-6

⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, **my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations.**

A Call to Be Prepared for Waiting

Luke 2:33-35

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: **“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”**

We are Called to Wait with Expectant Prayer

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning **I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.**

We are Called to Wait with Eternal Perspective

Romans 8:18-19

¹⁸ I consider that our **present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed** in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

We are Called to Wait with Harvest Confidence

James 5:7-8

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, **patiently waiting** for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ **You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.**

We are Called to Wait Trusting God’s Purpose

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ **The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

We are Called to Wait with Hope in God’s Renewing Power

Isaiah 40:27-31

³¹ **...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.** They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.