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Wait for the Advent of the Lord!

Lesson 1 • Luke 2:25

Advent with Simeon – Luke 2:25-35

- After the shepherds, Simeon is the **FIRST** to greet the newborn Savior and his parents.
- Simeon's greeting will **PREPARE** us to greet Jesus in the same way when He comes again.
- His greeting teaches us how to live **BETWEEN** the two advents of Christ by showing us how to **wait, watch, witness, and worship** until the Jesus comes again!

Advent Prepares Us to Greet Christ When He Comes Again!

ADVENT on PURPOSE: A Bible-Based, Christ-Exalting, and Gospel-Centered Approach		
The CANDLES of Advent	The CHARACTERS of Advent	The CALLINGS of Advent
1. The PROMISE Candle	The <i>Prophets</i> who predicted His coming.	WAITING for His arrival in the "Not Yet"!
2. The PREPARATION Candle	The <i>OT Saints</i> who were prepared for His coming.	WATCHING with anticipation!
3. The PROCLAMATION Candle	The <i>Shepherds</i> who proclaimed His coming.	WITNESSING with abandon!
4. The PARTICIPATION Candle	The <i>Wisemen</i> who participated in His coming	WORSHIPPING with adoration!
5. The PURPOSE Candle	The <i>Sovereign Savior</i> who redeems and restores.	WELCOMING His arrival in the "Now-Not Yet"!

Background to Simeon and His Season's Greetings – Luke 2:21-24

- Jesus' Circumcision according to the Law (2:21)
- Mary's Purification according to the Law (2:22, 24)
- Jesus' Dedication according to the Law (2:22-23)
- Simeon's Anticipation according to the Law (2:25)

How to Wait for the Coming of the Lord.

1. Wait in the Right **PLACE**. "And there was man in Jerusalem" (2:25)

Isaiah 2:3; Zechariah 9:9-10

Where Has God Promised to Reveal His Presence in This Present Age?

- In the **INCARNATION** of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. John 2:19-21; John 1:1-5; Hebrews 1: 1-3
- In the **INDWELLING** of each New Testament believer. 1Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19
- In the **INGATHERING** of His called out people. Ephesians 2:19-22; 2Corinthians 6:16; 1Peter 2:4-5
- In the **INTEGRATION/INTERSECTION** of His Word and Spirit. Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 3:16-17

2. Wait with the Right **POSTURE**. "whose name was Simeon" (2:25)

- True to his name Simeon was a **HEARER** of the Word of the Lord.
- "Hupokouw" **DESCRIBES** the right posture for waiting for the coming of the Lord.

3. Wait with the Right PRACTICE/PERSPECTIVE. “and this man was righteous and devout” (2:25)

Simeon waited by living a God-**PLEASING** life as a God-**FEARING** believer.

Luke 1:17; Titus 2:11

4. Wait by the Right POWER. “and the Holy Spirit was upon him.” (2:25)

Observations:

- Simeon speaks as a **PROPHET** in this passage. (vv. 28-35)
- Simeon **PICTURES** the coming blessings of the New Covenant.
- Simeon is enjoying the greatest **PRIVILEGE** of a godly OT believer.

5. Wait for the Right PERSON. “looking for the consolation of Israel...the Lord’s Christ.” (2:25-26)

Who Is the Right Person?

- The One who can **RESTORE** you to repentance and **COMFORT** you with the hope of a New Creation.

“**The Consolation of Israel**” – The Theme of God’s Undeserved Comfort Given to a Repentant Remnant in Isaiah 40–66.

See Isaiah 40:1; 51:3, 19; 57:18; 61:2; 66:13

- The One who is the Lord’s **ANOINTED**.

Isaiah’s Conquering King (7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-9) and Suffering Servant (42:1-9; 49:1-7; 50:4-11; 52:13–53:12)

What or Who Is Your Source of Comfort and Hope?

How Are You Waiting for Your Hope in Christ to Finally and Fully Arrive?

How will you know you are truly waiting for the right person and are prepared for His coming?

“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.” Luke 2:26

