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Watch for the Advent of the Lord!

Lesson 2 • Luke 2:25-28

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"!

Simeon's Greeting Prepares Us to Greet Christ When He Comes Again!

"My eyes have seen Your salvation!"

- Like Simeon we **WAIT** for the coming of the Lord!

WHO we're waiting for shapes **HOW** we're living!

- But if you are waiting you will also be **WATCHING!** *Luke 2:25-28*

How to Watch for the Coming of the Lord.

1. Watch in the Ordinary MOMENTS of Life.

- There are lots of **UNKNOWN**S in this passage.

- What we do **KNOW** is what matters.

God said it and that was good enough for Simeon and so he waited and he watched on a daily basis in the ordinary moments of life!

The Spiritual Discipline of Watchfulness

A Definition of Watchfulness

"Watchfulness is a careful observing of our hearts and diligent looking to our ways, that they may be pleasing and acceptable unto God."
– Puritan Richard Rogers

The spiritual discipline of being proactive in our pursuit of godliness by being vigilant to guard and guide our inner and outer lives towards what pleases God.

An Explanation of Watchfulness

1. Watchfulness is a **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE**. *"The spiritual discipline of..."*
2. Watchfulness is **PROACTIVE**. *"of being proactive in our pursuit of godliness by being vigilant"*
 - Watchfulness is seeing things **BEFORE** they happen or grow **WORSE** in order to take godly action.
 - Watchfulness Helps Us...

Watchfulness is the opposite of carelessness. It is being diligent to pay close attention to our spiritual lives.

3. Watchfulness is both **INWARD** and **OUTWARD**. “our inner and outer lives”
Proverbs 4:23-27
 - Watch the Inner life of your **HEART**.
 - Watch the outer life of your **WAYS**.
 - My ways – *Psalms 101*
 - My doctrine – *1Timothy 4:16*
 - My entire life – *2Timothy 4:5, Psalm 101:2*
4. Watchfulness is both **DEFENSIVE** and **OFFENSIVE**. “by being vigilant to guard and guide”
 - Defensive: Guarding our heart and ways to **AVOID** temptation and sin as much as possible.
Psalm 39:1; Hebrews 3:12
 - Offensive: Guiding our heart and ways to **ADVANCE** godliness and obedience.
Galatians 5:16, 25
5. Watchfulness is for a **GODLY** purpose. “toward what pleases God.”

2. Watch with the Ordinary **MEANS** of Grace.

1. The Word of God (vv. 25-26)
2. The Spirit of God (vv. 25-27)
3. The People of God (vv. 27, 31, 34, 38)
4. The Son of God (vv. 28-35)

How You Watch Will Determine Whether You See God’s Son at Work in the Ordinary All Around You.

Watch for the Advent of the Lord in the ordinary moments of life with the ordinary means of grace.

Watchfulness “is worthily set in the first place, seeing it is an eye to all the rest to see them well and rightly used.”
– Richard Rogers



How Long Do We Keep Watch Like “Simeon the Sentinel”?

For the Seeker: *Until You See and Receive the Lord.*

For the Servant: *Until the Day You Die or He Comes Again.*

Watch every day in every way until the Day despite delay!
“He has come!” “He is coming again!”



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