

Waiting for Advent > Luke 2:25-35

2:25-28 Waiting on God's promise: Simeon is introduced as a man who is righteous and devout. He has been promised by God that he will get to witness the arrival of the Messiah in the flesh!

2:29-32 Seeing God's promise: When Christ is brought to him, Simeon responds with a blessing and a prophecy. Simeon recognizes that God has kept His word – not only to him, but also to God's people: this Messiah will be light and glory for all people who turn to Him in faith.

2:33-35 Marveling at God's promise: The proper response to this amazing gift of God is to marvel with joy and thankfulness. We are to stand amazed at the Lord who cares for His people – and we are to share this good news of great joy with others.

Context: The first two chapters in Luke present the events leading up to Christ's birth.

Aim: Luke wants everyone who reads his letter to know that Jesus is the Promised Messiah. He is the One whom everyone has been waiting for.

Gospel: Jesus brings salvation, fulfillment of God's promises, light to the nations, and glory for Israel to respond to. In short: Jesus changes everything.

Applications: How is your patience? Are you waiting for Christ's return with this kind of faith-filled joy? Have you responded to God's promise given in Christ? Will you marvel at our Savior?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
