

Christmas Waiting Luke 2:22-35

The BIG Question

How do we _____ well so that we _____ well?

Setting Up the Context

In Luke 2:22-35 ...

- It's _____ removed from the birth of Jesus.
- Mary and Joseph are at the Temple ...
 1. For ceremonial _____ (Leviticus 12)
 2. To _____ Jesus to the Lord
- Simeon's story is here because Luke is piling up real-world _____ that Jesus is the Messiah.
- Simeon has been _____ for God to make good on His promise of sending the Messiah.

Why We Can Wait on God

1. God is _____ while we're waiting—even when we can't _____ it.
 - The Spirit of God has revealed to Simeon that he will not die until he sees the Messiah.
 - God is _____ this meeting in the Temple.
 - How you believe this when you can't see it? You go to God's _____. The only way to fight life's hypotheticals is with God's _____.
 2. God delivers _____ time—_____ time.
 - Simeon _____ God deliver on His promise of a Deliverer.

Psalm 31:15, "My times are in your hand."

Galatians 4:4, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law."

 - God is meticulously directing the events of our lives—and the timing of those events; the _____ and the how long. And so, like Simeon here, you can _____ while you're waiting.
3. God's purposes will _____—even when it doesn't seem like it.
 - This child will be the _____ between heaven and hell; between eternal salvation and eternal condemnation.

John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."