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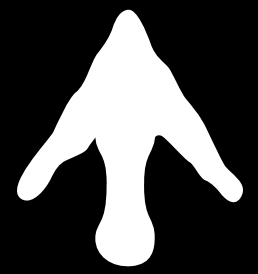
THE
INVITATION

SAYING YES TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Nurturing Hope Like Simeon & Anna

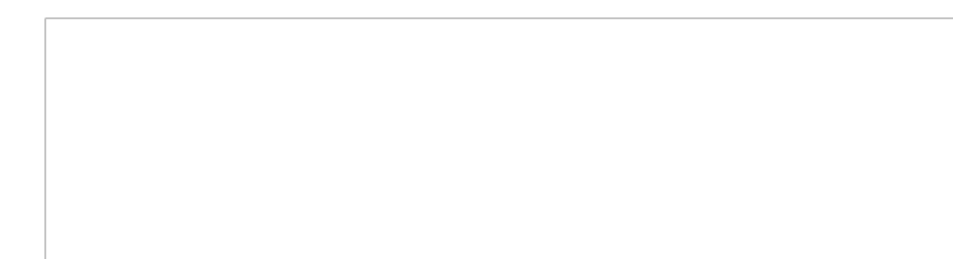


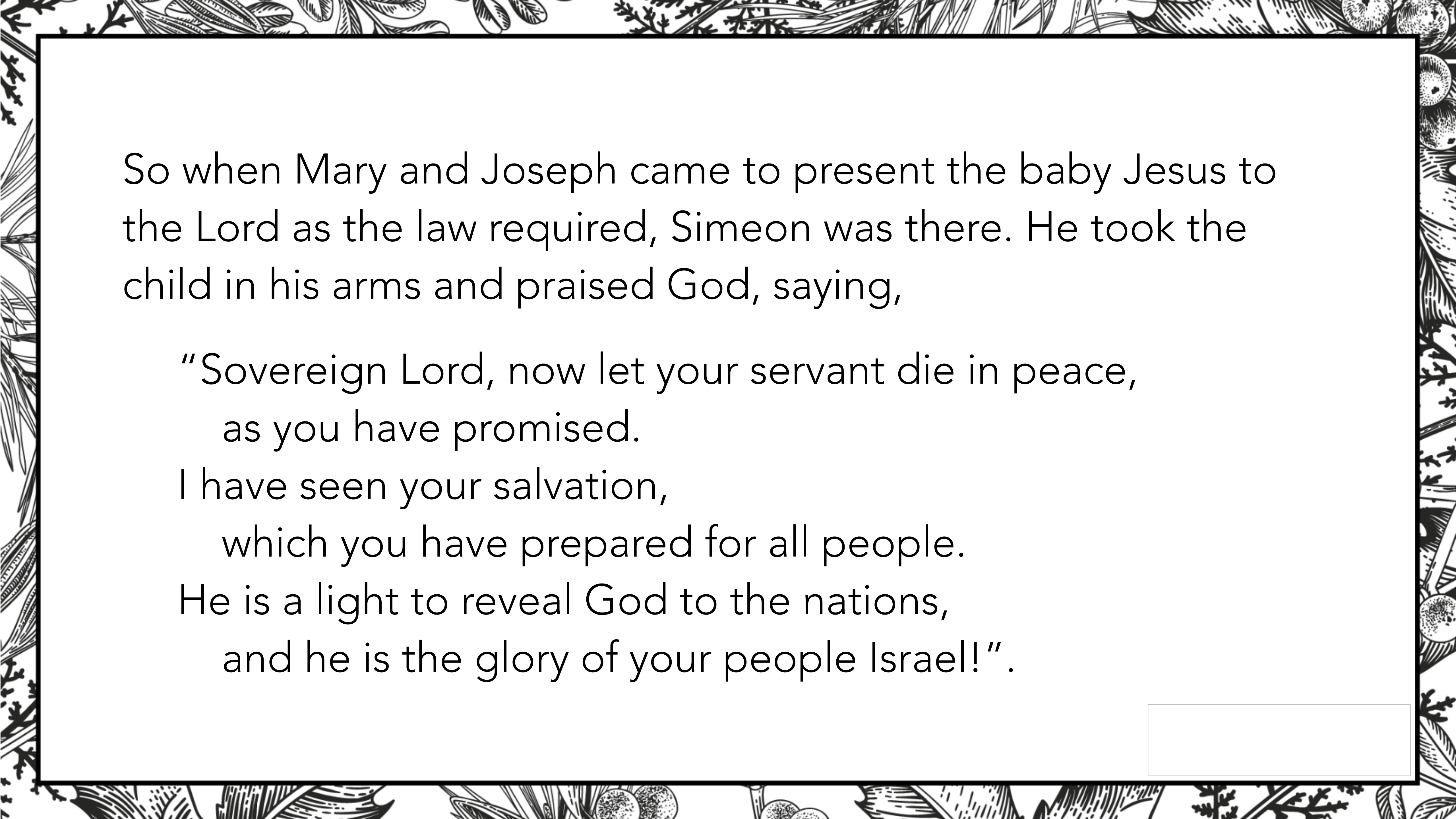
What hope is God inviting you into?



LUKE 2:25-38 (NLT)

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.





So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.

I have seen your salvation,

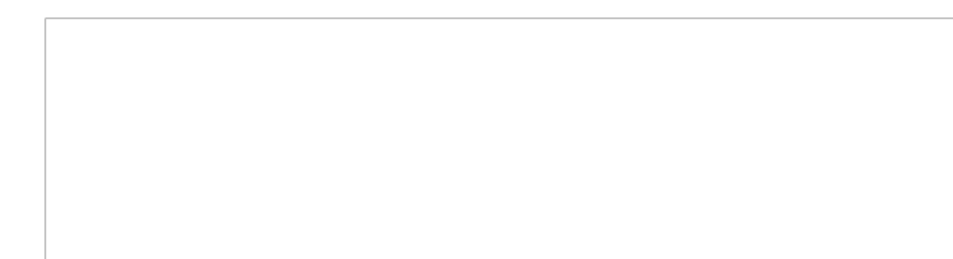
which you have prepared for all people.

He is a light to reveal God to the nations,

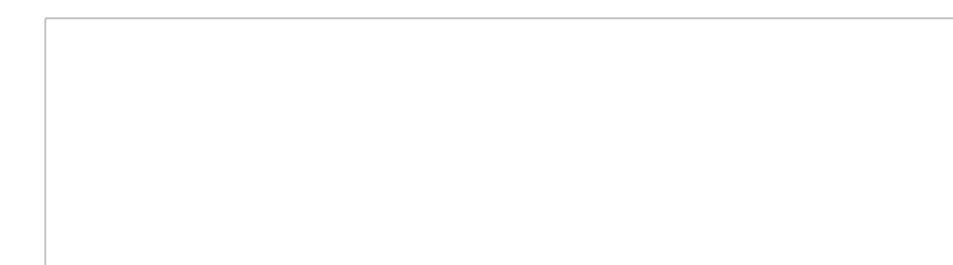
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”.



Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."



Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

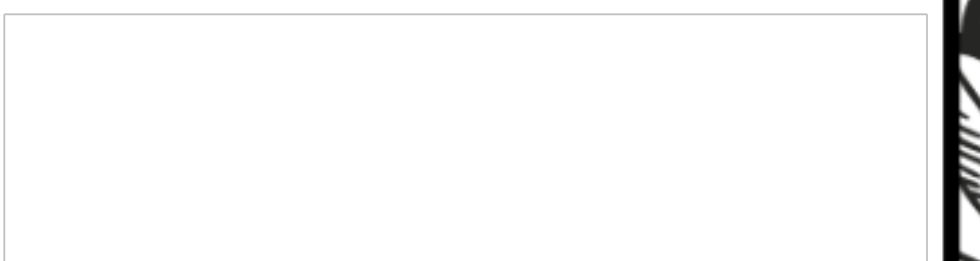


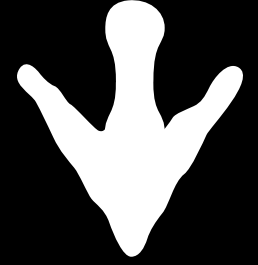
Hope is:

Kindled In the **Holy Spirit**

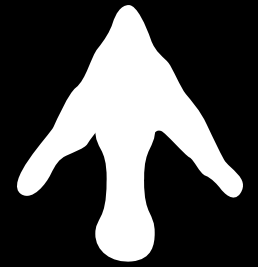
vs 25 "The Holy Spirit was upon him"

vs 37 "She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer."





In what way is the Holy Spirit inviting you to hope today?

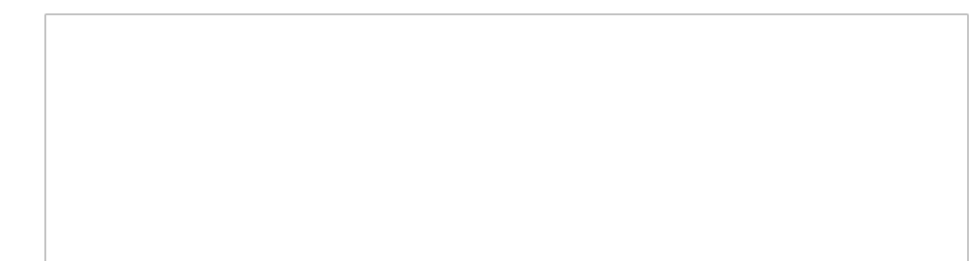


Hope is:

Cultivated In **Patience**

vs 25 "...an elderly man was there waiting—a resident of Jerusalem whose name was Simeon" (TPT)

vs 37 "For the past eighty-four years she had been serving God with night-and-day prayer and fasting." (TPT)





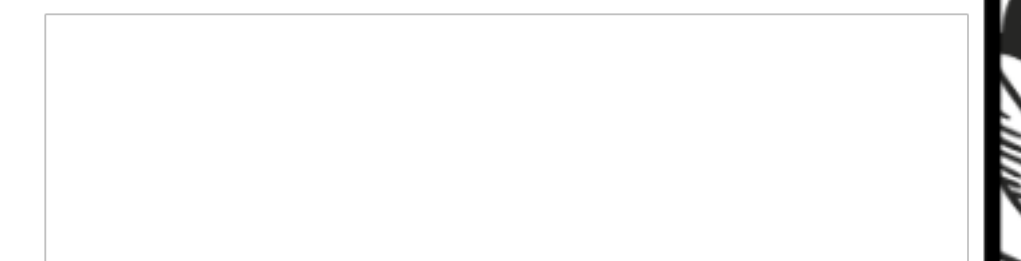
With which hope do you need to practice patience?



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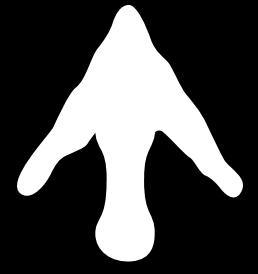
Nourished By **Expectancy**

vs 38 "She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem."





What would these encounters have done to Mary and Joseph's sense of hope for their child?



Walk in the Spirit
Cultivate Patience
Nourish Expectancy

