

Hope: Simeon and Anna

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Just
Walk
Across
the
Room

- Choice of the Heart
- Developing A Heart Like Jesus
- Opening Others' Heart to Jesus
- Making Room In Your Heart



Simeon was Waiting For the “*Consolation of Israel*”

- ~A title for the Messiah**
- ~One of many**
- ~The Culture**
- ~Simeon’s Character**
- ~Consolation of Israel**
- ~The Promise: Isaiah 42:1-9**



Simeon's hope was for the Messiah to come and lift the heavy burden of religion gone wrong from the hearts of the people, and bring word of a God that TRULY loved and cared for them. He believed when the Consolation of Israel arrived he would meet the deepest needs of their heart and heal the deepest wounds of their soul. He knew when that happened his Hope would be realized...not disappointed. When he held Christ, it was.



Anna was Waiting For the *“Redemption of Israel”*

- ~Another title for the Messiah**
- ~Focus on the Redemptive work of Christ**
- ~The Spiritual reality**
- ~The Promise: Psalm 130**



Anna's hope was for the Messiah to come and redeem His people. She knew her people were in spiritual bondage, sold as slaves to sin...and yet her hope was for something better. She anticipated the day when God Himself would pay the price for the sin of the people, and relationship would be restored. When she held Christ she knew that day had come.



Many People Today are Still Waiting

- ~For spiritual encouragement and comfort
- ~For redemption and relationship with God



A Prayer for People In Waiting...

God, I know there are people in waiting all around me.

I ask you to open my eyes so I can see them.

I ask you to give me the courage to go...

and LOOK for them.

***I ask you to give me the words to speak, and the
actions to take that make your love clear to them.***

God, give me the courage to walk across the room...

to people who are waiting.

With all my heart I say to you "Here I am, send me."

And God when you speak...

I will be quick to hear...

and quick to go.

Amen

