

NOTES

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*“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!”* Luke 2:25-32 NLT

*“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, **worshipping** 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.”* Luke 2:36-38 NIV

We can wait with **apprehension** or we can wait with **anticipation**.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your **heart** and lean not on your own **understanding**; in all your ways **submit** to him, and he will make your **paths** straight.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

When living with **apprehension** we often do the **opposite**, “Trust in **yourself** with all your heart and then lean on your **own** understanding, in all that you do go your own **way** and you will **not** have straight paths.”