

Stories of *told through Simeon and Anna* hope

Luke 2:25-38

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Simeon: Hope anchored in the Messiah

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Simeon: Lived out his hope

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Simeon: Blessed by the Spirit

²⁵ ... Simeon ... was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit was upon him.** ²⁶And it had been revealed to him **by the Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:25–26

Simeon: Blessed by the Spirit

²⁷ And he came **in the Spirit** into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace...

Luke 2:27–29

Simeon: His peace in the Messiah

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:29-32

How to anchor our hope in Jesus?

²⁴For in this **hope** we were saved. Now **hope** that is seen is not **hope**. For who **hopes** for what he sees? ²⁵But if we **hope** for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24–25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Romans 8:18–19

→ Look expectantly to the comfort of future glory with Christ.

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Romans 8:20–22

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And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23

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²⁶Likewise **the Spirit helps us** in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit himself intercedes** for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints** according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26–27

→ Rely on the Holy Spirit

Anna: Spoke of the Messiah

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

Luke 2:36-37

Anna: Spoke of the Messiah

³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38

→ **Share your hope in Christ with others.**