



Advent is a word that means Arrival.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Luke 2:25-35

Act of Hoping

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- Righteous Life
- Devoted Life

2 Peter 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

Reason for Hope

We have reason to hope because God kept his promise to Israel and he is faithful and still keeps his promises.

2 Peter 3:8-10

Object of Simeon's Hope

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which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
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of your people Israel.”

Isaiah 49:6 I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 52:10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends
of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of
deep darkness, on them a light has shone.

“A sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Luke 9:21

“The Son of Man (Jesus) must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

In Jesus You have Hope

Will you share hope with others?