



*“Hurry up and  
wait”  
(passive)*



*Readiness  
(active)*



*Advent is a season of readiness  
(expectant waiting)*



*1st Advent  
(Incarnation)*

***Gospel Readiness***



*2nd Advent  
(Return of Christ)*



# *Luke 2:25–38*



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Hope Fulfilled

Joyful Exultation

<sup>25</sup> There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking forward to Israel's consolation, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he saw the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said,

<sup>29</sup> Now, Master,  
you can dismiss your servant in peace,  
as you promised.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation.

<sup>31</sup> You have prepared it  
in the presence of all peoples—

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and glory to your people Israel.

<sup>33</sup> His father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and told his mother Mary, “Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed— <sup>35</sup> and a sword will pierce your own soul—that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophetess, Anna, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well along in years, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and was a widow for eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayers. <sup>38</sup> At that very moment, she came up and began to thank God and to speak about him to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.





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## *2 Corinthians 1:20*

*For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him.  
Therefore, through him we also say "Amen" to the  
glory of God.*



*Luke identifies Jesus with the long-awaited servant-figure of Isaiah*



*Vs 25: “looking forward to Israel’s consolation.””*

*Vs 38: “to speak about him to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Israel.”*



*“Comfort, comfort my people,”  
says your God.*

*<sup>2</sup> “Speak tenderly to[a] Jerusalem,  
and announce to her  
that her time of hard service is over,  
her iniquity has been pardoned,  
and she has received from the Lord’s hand  
double for all her sins.”*

*Isaiah 40:1–2*



*<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with strength,  
and his power establishes his rule.*

*His wages are with him,  
and his reward accompanies him.*

*<sup>11</sup> He protects his flock like a shepherd;  
he gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them in the fold of his garment.  
He gently leads those that are nursing.*

*Isaiah 40:10–11*



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*Isaiah 49:6*

*“I will also make you a  
light for the nations,  
to be my salvation to  
the ends of the earth.”*



# *Jesus brings salvation to the world!*



*Genesis 12:2–3*

*<sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation,  
I will bless you,  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
I will curse anyone who treats you  
with contempt,  
and all the peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.*

*Luke 2:32*

*<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the  
Gentiles  
and glory to your people Israel.*



*Jesus is hope fulfilled*



## *2 Corinthians 4:4*

*<sup>4</sup> In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*



## *2 Corinthians 4:6*

*<sup>6</sup> For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.*



# *Divisive Responses to Jesus*

*Luke 2:34*

*Luke 4:16–30*

*Luke 12:49–53*



*Simeon and Anna lived in a state of readiness*



*1st Advent  
(Incarnation)*



*2nd Advent  
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