

Stay on the Lookout

Read: Luke 2:25-26

Main idea: Faithful believers live with eyes open to God's work in the past, present, and future, finding hope in His promises and purpose for all people.

Key Verses: "For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." (2:30-32 ESV)

Key Principles:

- Faithful anticipation is grounded in God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Recognizing God's blessings comes through faithful service and trust in His timing.
- God's plan for salvation extends to all people, revealing His eternal purpose through Christ.
- God always keeps His promises which should encourage us to trust Him in every season of our lives.
- A life of worship and obedience recognizes God's hand in both past faithfulness and future hope.
- The gospel is for all people, breaking down barriers of culture, ethnicity, and status to invite everyone into God's family.

Discussion:

1. How can we study Scripture in a way that helps us to remain faithful in waiting on God's promises?
2. What role does the Spirit play in helping you recognize God's work in your life? How can you tell when the Spirit is guiding you?
3. How does being faithful in your daily responsibilities help you experience God's blessings? What are some ways you can practice trusting God's timing in your current circumstances?
4. Simeon declared that God's salvation was for "all peoples." How does this truth impact the way you view and share the gospel? Why does this matter?
5. How can the hope of God's eternal plan encourage you in times of waiting or uncertainty? What about times of difficulty or suffering?

Prayer:

- Praise God for His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises through Jesus.
- Pray:
 - For the Holy Spirit to help you see His blessings in your present circumstances.
 - For greater awareness of the Spirit's presence and guidance in your life.
 - For a heart open to sharing the good news of God's salvation with all people.

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| I. | Look at His <u>birth</u> in the <u>past</u>. | 2:25-26 |
| 1. | Learn from <u>Scripture</u> . | 2:25 |
| 2. | Listen to the <u>Spirit</u> . | 2:25-26 |
| II. | Look for His <u>blessing</u> in the <u>present</u>. | 2:27-29 |
| 1. | <u>Do</u> your <u>job</u> . | 2:27 |
| 2. | <u>Trust</u> your <u>God</u> . | 2:28-29 |
| III. | Look for His <u>breakthrough</u> in the <u>future</u>. | 2:30-32 |
| 1. | God has a <u>purpose</u> for <u>everyone</u> . | 2:30-31 |
| 2. | God has a <u>plan</u> for <u>eternity</u> . | 2:32 |

NEXT WEEK:
A Life Worthy of Our Calling
Ephesians 4:1-16