

Teaching Notes for "... HOPING for a CHRISTmas Miracle? Pt 1"
NewSong Church Pastor David Haltom Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Today's Focal LifeText: Luke 2:21-40 Amplified



What are YOUR expectations this CHRISTmas Season?

Our **expectations** should be centered on ... **HOPE**:

defn. - comes from the Greek word '**elpis**' which means '_____ 'that deals with the _____
_____ as _____ has planned; it's **NOT** '_____'; **NOT** _____; **NOT** _____
the present course will continue & bring _____ results!

v. 21-24 (excerpted)

* "The **angel** _____ declared to _____, "Listen carefully: you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son,
and you shall name Him _____" **Luke 1:31**

V.25 "**Simeon**...was a **righteous** and **devout man (devoted / earnest man of faith)**." **NLT**

"**righteous**" - means he was man whose life honored God by his _____ / _____
(i.e. godly _____ / _____ before others). **2 Timothy 2:22**

"**Simeon**" - means "**God** _____"

Recall this was a difficult period in Israel's history with Israel having _____ its _____ on God and endure over _____ years
of a deafening _____ from _____ had filled the land since the last prophet, _____, had prophetically spoken!

Verse 26-27: The _____ was upon Simeon and had _____ to him many years earlier that *he would not*
_____ until he _____ the Christ Child (i.e. the baby Messiah) Simeon received this _____ by _____ & _____ it!

Malachi 4:2 Amplified

"**HOPE** _____ [_____ **ERV**] makes the heart _____ [postponed _____ the heart Voice], but a _____
[_____ **KJV**] fulfilled is a tree of _____ [there is life and _____ **Living**]." **Proverbs 13:12**

The Messiah was _____ mentioned back in **Genesis 3:15 Amplified**

Simeon's _____ focused his life upon the Holy Spirit's _____ - this _____ is what he lived for each new day ...
Until that _____ appointed by God when he finally saw this _____ come to pass and he saw and held in his hands
the _____ [_____ - just as the Holy Spirit had _____ it would earlier in his life!

God is ALWAYS _____ **to His** _____ ...

"For _____ of **God's** _____ have been _____ in Christ with a resounding "____!" And **through Christ**,
our "____" ascends to God for His _____." **2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT**

Simeon's **spiritual expectation (HOPE)** demonstrated three Biblical tenets for our **HOPE** today:

001 Kingdom expectation (**HOPE**) always leads our _____ to press in the right direction: _____!

Although **influenced** by the **PAST**, **HOPE** is **always** _____!

"This _____ I do: forgetting what is behind (past) and reaching _____ to what is ahead, I pursue as my
_____ the **prize** _____ by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 3:13-14 HCSB**

God is the _____ of **ALL** of our _____ ... **Romans 15:13 NLT**

"**HOPE** sees the _____, feels the _____ and achieves the _____." - Anonymous
Hebrews 11:1 NLT, Psalms 71:14 CEV, 1 Samuel 17:32 The Message, Psalms 62:5 Amplified Bible

Divine Expectancy (HOPE) is the _____ of **HIS** _____ in & thru _____!

Ephesians 3:20, 2 Timothy 3:5

A³ (Accept, Apply & Act)

Extra Notes / Spiritual Insights & Questions ...