

# Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties Notes

Luke 2:22-38

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**Main Point:** Hold on to hope when it's hard to cope.

## Definition of Hope

1. In the Old Testament hope means "to \_\_\_\_\_ together, often by twisting."
  - It refers to the process of making rope by \_\_\_\_\_ two stands of material together.
  - Hope means I \_\_\_\_\_ my problems to the Lord as I hold on to the specific promises of God.
  - To hope means to wrap my problems together with God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ecclesiastes 4:12 adds God's provision to His promises and our problems
  - My problems + God's promises = God's provision
3. "Hope is wishing for what God has already promised us" (Isaiah 40:31).
4. The word *hope* is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament and is always grounded in God.

## Joseph and Mary at the Temple

1. Meet Simeon and Anna.
2. They were waiting for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to His appearance, and ready to welcome Him (Luke 2:25, 2:38)
4. Simeon was hoping for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Anna was hoping for \_\_\_\_\_.

## Simeon: Hoping for Rest (Luke 2:25-35)

1. The name *Simeon* means "One who hears and \_\_\_\_\_."
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_.
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2. After being invaded and exiled because of their disobedience, Israel was a defeated nation living under Roman rule and oppression.
3. Darkness and death were the context of the first Christmas, but God announced \_\_\_\_\_ and life through the special servants He still had on duty.
4. The Holy Spirit made it clear to Simeon "that he would not taste \_\_\_\_\_ before he had seen the Lord's Christ (vs. 26).
5. When Simeon looked at baby Jesus, he knew God \_\_\_\_\_ His promise.
  - Here was *Immanuel* to make everything right, to provide significance by His presence, and to \_\_\_\_\_ hopelessness, fear, and loneliness.
6. Now that Simeon has seen the Savior, he is ready to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In verse 29, the word *depart* was used of \_\_\_\_\_ a prisoner, untying a ship, taking down a tent and unyoking a beast of burden.
  - When a believer dies, they are released from the burdens of this life and ushered into the \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life.
7. Mary and Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ at what Simeon said.
  - *Marvel* means "to be \_\_\_\_\_, to admire and wonder to the point of abandon."
8. Jesus is either a \_\_\_\_\_ you build your life upon or He's the rock you stumble over (Matthew 21:44).
9. The word for *sword* in verse 35 refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ wide sword like the one Goliath used.

- Mary will have her soul sliced open and will experience extreme \_\_\_\_\_ (John 19:25).

### Anna: Hoping for Redemption (Luke 2:36-37)

1. Anna is the Greek version of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Anna dedicated herself to \_\_\_\_\_ and praying in the temple.
3. She never \_\_\_\_\_ the temple.
4. In verse 38, the phrase *coming up* means “to \_\_\_\_\_ in.”
5. A ransom is something that is paid to provide for the \_\_\_\_\_ of someone who is held captive.
  - Jesus paid our ransom to redeem us from sin, \_\_\_\_\_, and Hell.
6. Redemption implies three things
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – every person is born enslaved to sin.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – a price has to be paid to buy the slave out of bondage.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of that which is redeemed (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
7. Anna was waiting with hope for the \_\_\_\_\_ substitutionary sacrifice of the Savior so people could be set free from their sins forever.

### How to Hold on to Hope

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 28 & 37)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 32 & 38)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 25 & 38)

### Jesus Provides What We Need

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:28)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 10:45)

### Actions Steps

1. \_\_\_\_\_ hope to those who are hurting through Operation Christmas Curbside (Isaiah 58:10)
2. Read the \_\_\_\_\_ to find hope (Romans 15:4)
3. Force yourself to remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Lamentations 3:18-23).
  - In verse 21, the word *but* serves as a contrast to what Jeremiah was doing.
  - The phrase *I call to mind* has the idea of “doing something again, of returning or \_\_\_\_\_ back.”
  - Jeremiah is being intentional, \_\_\_\_\_ himself to focus on what is true.
4. Repent and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (1 Chronicles 29:15, Colossians 1:27, Lamentations 3:25, 1 Peter 1:3)