

A VERY MURRAY CHRISTMAS

Waiting on God

“WAITING IN HOLY EXPECTANCY”

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Sermon Outline Notes

Though we have already tasted the firstfruits of the Spirit, we are longing for the total redemption of our bodies that comes when our adoption as children of God is complete—²⁴ for we have been saved in this hope and for this future. But hope does not involve what we already have or see. For who goes around hoping for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we wait expectantly for things we have never seen, then we hope with true perseverance and eager anticipation. Romans 8:23-25 VOICE

The Fullness of our Life in Christ IS FOUND IN WAITING ON GOD

But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. Micah 7:7 NASB

Advent calls us TO WAIT ON GOD EXPECTANTLY

I. Luke 2:25-26 MSG

In Jerusalem at the time, there was a man, Simeon by name, a good man, a man who lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

“A holy, joyful expectancy is of the very essence of true waiting.”

-Andrew Murray

When we Wait on God we can Expect...

TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a

wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. James 1:5-8

II. Luke 2:27-32 MSG

Led by the Spirit, he entered the Temple. As the parents of the child Jesus brought him in to carry out the rituals of the Law, Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God: God, you can now release your servant; release me in peace as you promised. With my own eyes I've seen your salvation; it's now out in the open for everyone to see: A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel.

“Everything that is salvation, everything that is good and holy, must be the direct, mighty work of God Himself within us. In every moment of a life in the will of God, there must be the immediate operation of God.”

-Andrew Murray

When we Wait on God we can Expect...

GOD TO WORK ACCORDING TO HIS TIME & PLAN

Some of you say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money.” ¹⁴ But you do not know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away. ¹⁵ So you should say, “If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that.” James 4:13-15 NCV

III. Luke 2:36-38 MSG

Anna the prophetess was also there, a daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She was by now a very old woman. She had been married seven years and a widow for eighty-four. She never left the Temple area, worshiping night and day with her fastings and prayers. At the very time Simeon was praying, she showed up, broke into an anthem of praise to God, and talked about the child to all who were waiting expectantly for the freeing of Jerusalem.

“As we cease from self, and our soul becomes still to God, God will arise and show Himself.”

-Andrew Murray

When we Wait on God we can Expect...

GOD TO MOVE IN OUR STILLNESS

Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see

today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Exodus 14:13-14