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eyes of
Faith





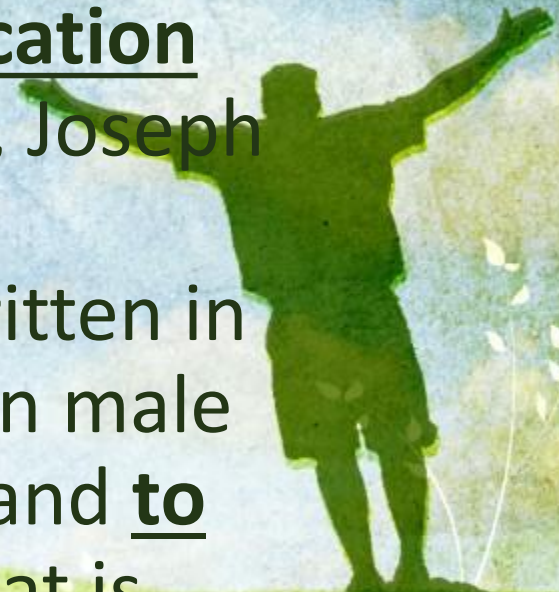
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When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

– Luke 2:22-24



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The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

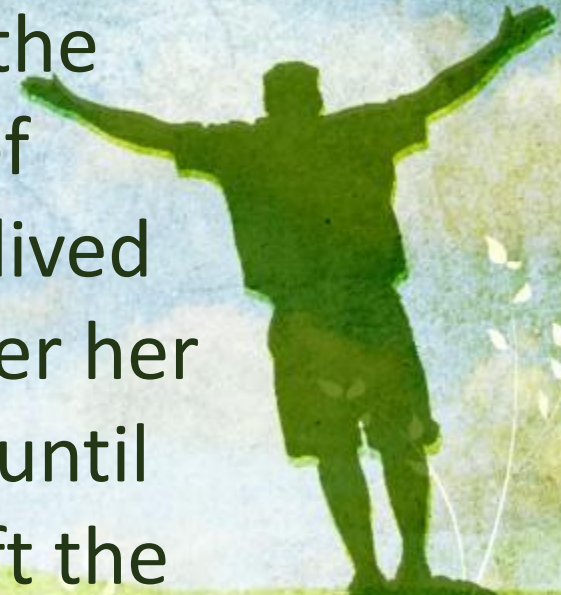
- Exodus 13:1-2



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There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

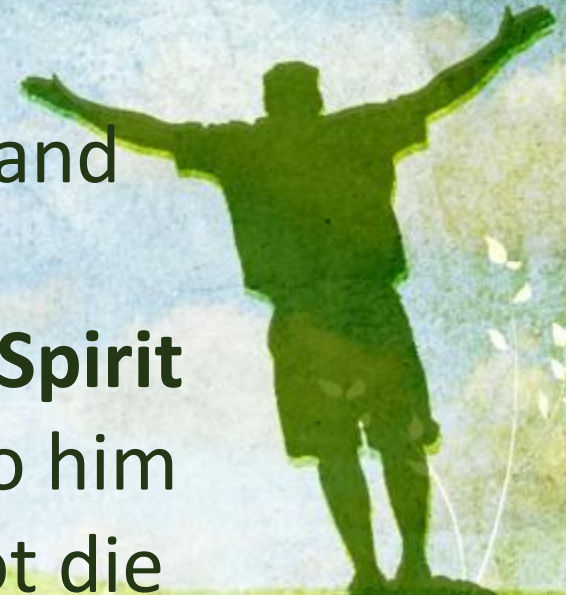
— Luke 2:36-37



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Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit** was on him. It had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

– Luke 2:25-26



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Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,

- Luke 2:27-28



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Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were **looking forward to** the redemption of Jerusalem.

– Luke 2:38



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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

– Luke 2:34



God's Promises Fulfilled...



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Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service **has been
completed,**

that her sin has been paid for,

- Isaiah 40:1-2



God's Promises Fulfilled...

It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you **a light for the Gentiles**, that **my salvation** may reach to the ends of the earth.

– Isaiah 49:6



God's Promises Fulfilled..in Jesus!



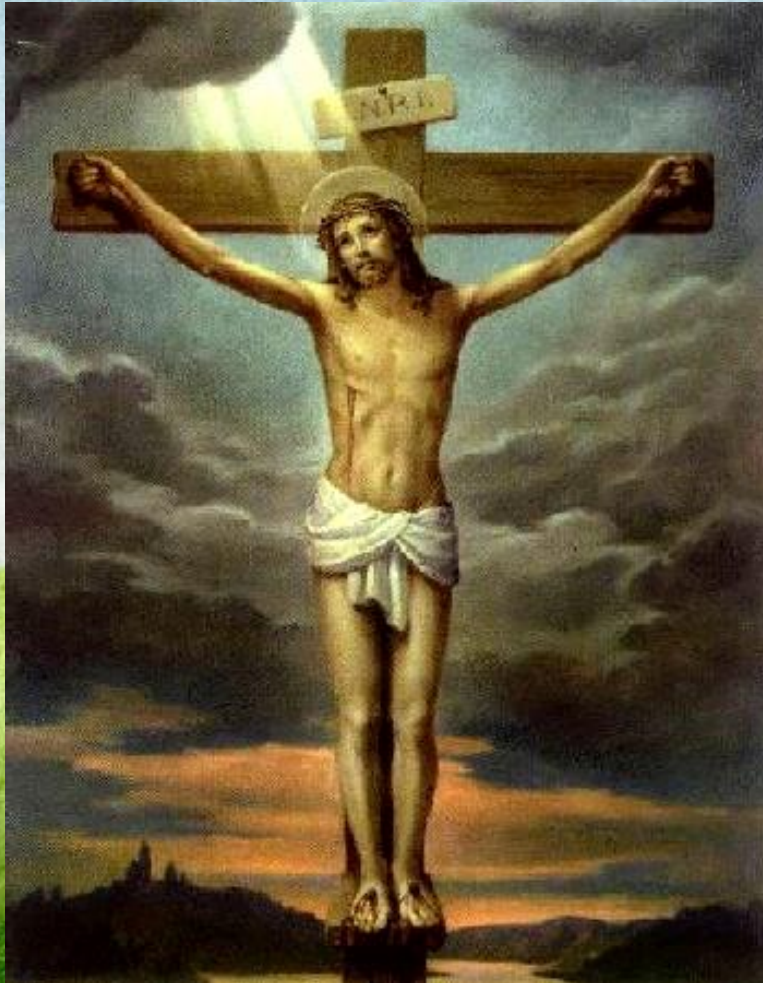
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“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

– Luke 2:31-32



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As God's People, WE now wait...



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being confident of this, that he
who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus

– Philippians 1:6



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Nunc Dimittis



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“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.”

– Luke 2:29



As God's People, WE now wait...

For we are God's
handiwork, created in Christ
Jesus to do good works, which
God prepared in advance for us
to do

– Ephesians 2:10

