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*The Wait is Over*

*Know the real Jesus: **Luke 2:21-39***

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<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification *according to the Law of Moses*, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord<sup>23</sup> (*as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"*)<sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice *according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."*<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, **waiting** for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him *according to the custom of the Law*,<sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed<sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,<sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.<sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour

she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were **waiting** for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything *according to the Law of the Lord*, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

Others are waiting to see Jesus – obeying God allows them to see Him.

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Leviticus 12:6 “And when the days of [a new mother's] purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, <sup>7</sup> and he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her ... <sup>8</sup> And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.”

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– Once you know Him, don't wait to speak of Him to others!