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SERMON OUTLINE

JESUS CHRIST, OUR LIVING HOPE

LUKE 2:25-32
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Today's message takes us to the story of Simeon in Luke 2:25-32, a man who found hope in Jesus Christ. Simeon lived during a difficult time. The people of Israel were waiting for God to send the Messiah to save them and bring comfort (v. 25). Simeon stayed faithful and believed in God's promises. His life shows us that real hope comes from trusting God, no matter the length of time by which we have to wait.

The requirement of waiting is an important part of this story. Simeon waited faithfully for years, trusting that God would fulfill His promise (vv. 25-26). Waiting on God isn't always easy,

but it teaches us patience and strengthens our faith. It's during the waiting that God prepares our hearts for what He has planned.

Then comes the beautiful moment of the revelation of Christ. Simeon holds the baby Jesus in his arms and recognizes that Jesus is the Savior, the one who brings hope and salvation to the world. Jesus wasn't just for Israel, He came for everyone, offering light and life to all who believe in Him (vv. 27-31). Simeon's story also shows us the reward of hope. He experienced deep peace and joy because he saw God's promise fulfilled in Jesus (v. 29). True hope in Christ

always brings peace, no matter our circumstances.

Simeon's proclamation that Jesus is a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to His people, Israel (v. 32), reminds us that the good news of Jesus isn't just for us—it's for the whole world. Jesus Christ is indeed our Living Hope. He fulfills God's promises, brings peace to our hearts and calls us to share His love with the world.

In this sermon, we will be encouraged to trust Jesus as our living hope, find peace in Him and share His light in a dark and broken world. ✨

CHRISTMAS REVELATIONS

REV. LITO VILLORIA

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace." - Micah 5:2-5

This passage was quoted from Matthew 2:5-6 where it answered the question of both the magi and king Herod on where the King of the Jews was to be born. From this passage, there are **four (4) essential revelations about Jesus Christ** we need to embrace this Christmas.

First, the Promised Messiah will be the King from the tribe of Judah. *"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me."* - Micah 5:2a

Jesus Christ came from the Davidic line, the tribe of Judah. He was born in Bethlehem just like king David. The city of Bethlehem was considered insignificant, coming

from the least among tribes of Judah. But it became great when the Promised Messiah was born in that place (1 Samuel 16:1, 18-19; 17:12; Matthew 2:1).

Second, the Promised Messiah will be the Great Ruler of Israel. *"one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel."* - Micah 5:2b-3

Although Jesus Christ was rejected by the Jewish people, eventually He will return bodily on earth after the Tribulation Period and reign for a thousand years. He will not only rule over Israel, but He will reign among all nations (Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28; Revelation 20:1-6).

Third, the Promised Messiah will be the Great Shepherd of God's people. *"And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God."* - Micah 5:4a

Jesus Christ is the Overseer of God's people. A shepherd provides, cares, nurtures and leads his sheep. He not only provides and cares for His people, but He also equips them to stay on track and do the will of God

(Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 2:25).

And fourth, the Promised Messiah will be the Source of Peace of God's people. *"And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace."* - Micah 5:4b-5

Jesus Christ shall make God's people secure and He will grant them peace forever. After He resurrected from the grave, Jesus said to His disciples three (3) times, "Peace, I leave with you." Anyone in Christ will experience peace that surpasses all understanding (John 20:19, 21, 26; Philippians 4:7).

These Christmas revelations remind us that indeed, Jesus Christ is the Promised Messiah who is the King from Judah, Ruler of Israel and Shepherd of God who gives peace to His people. In response to who Jesus Christ is, may the Holy Spirit empower us to submit every arena of our life to Him as our King and Ruler, share every apprehension to Him as our Shepherd, surrender every anxiety to Him as our Source of peace, and share Jesus at every opportunity this Christmas.

On behalf of Linda, I would like to greet each one of you a blessed and peaceful Christmas! ✨

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