



THE JOURNEY OF FULFILLMENT

Journey to the Manger, Part 4
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THE PATH TO FULFILLING HOPE

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”
Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)

“At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!’ Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, ‘This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.’”
Luke 2:25–35 (NLT)

THREE PLACES WE LOOK FOR HOPE:

1. We look out at conditions and _____.

- This leads to dissatisfaction.

2. We look inward at ourselves.

- This leads to discouragement.

“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. If you look at God, you will be at rest.”
— Corrie ten Boom

3. We look up to _____.

- This leads to lasting fulfillment.

“He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.”
— C. S. Lewis

LOOK UP FOR:

1. God’s promise of his _____.

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!”
Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)

2. God’s promise of his _____.

“All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).”
Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

3. God’s promise of his _____.

“‘Come now, let’s settle this,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.’”
Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”
John 3:16–17 (NLT)

Take your next step



1. circumstances 2. God 3. coming
4. nearness 5. salvation



實現之旅

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「所盼望的遲延未得，令人心憂；所願意的臨到，卻是生命樹。」

箴言 13:12 (和合本)

「那時，在耶路撒冷住着一個叫西面的人。他正直虔誠，一直熱切地期待着基督降臨拯救以色列。聖靈降臨在他身上，又啓示他：在他去世以前，一定能見到主的基督。那天聖靈引領西面來到聖殿。當馬利亞和約瑟進來，要遵照律法的要求把嬰孩耶穌獻給主時，西面也在那裏。他把孩子抱在懷裏，讚美上帝說：『至高的主啊，現在可以照你所應許的，讓你的僕人安然離世。因為我已見到你的救恩，就是你為萬民預備的。他是光，要把上帝啓示給萬國，也是你子民以色列的榮耀！』耶穌的父母聽到這番關於耶穌的話，就非常詫異。接着，西面祝福他們，並對嬰孩的母親馬利亞說：『這孩子注定要使許多以色列人跌倒，但也會使許多人喜樂。他是上帝差來作為憑證的，但會有許多人反對他。許多人心底的意念將會因此顯露，你的心也會被利劍刺透。』」

路加福音 2:25-35 (新普及譯本)

尋找盼望的三個地方：

1. 在情況和_____中尋求

- 導致不滿足

2. 往內檢視自己

- 導致灰心

「若定睛世界，你會憂心；若注視內心，你會抑鬱；若仰望基督，你可得安息。」

—彭柯麗

3. 仰望_____

- 導致持續的滿足

「擁有上帝和萬事的人，不會比單單擁有上帝的人擁有更多。」

—魯益師

仰望尋找：

1. 上帝_____的應許

「因有一嬰孩為我們而生，有一子賜給我們，政權必擔在他的肩頭上。他名稱為『奇妙策士』、『全能的神』、『永在的父』、『和平的君』！他的統治及統治帶來的和平必永無止境。他要坐在他祖先大衛的寶座上，以公正和公義執政，直到永遠。天軍的上主熱切的介入，必定使這事成就！」

以賽亞書 9:6-7 (和合本/新普及譯本)

2. 上帝_____的應許

「好吧，主將要親自給你們這個徵兆。看啊！那處女將會懷孕！她要生一個兒子，名為以馬內利（意思是『上帝與我們同在』）。」

以賽亞書 7:14 (新普及譯本)

3. 上帝_____的應許

「上主說：『來吧，讓我們解決這事。你們的罪雖紅似朱砂，我會使它們潔白如雪；它們雖然深紅如血，我會使它們白如羊毛。』」

以賽亞書 1:18 (新普及譯本)

「上帝深愛世人，甚至賜下自己獨一的兒子，讓所有相信他的人不致滅亡，反得永生。上帝差遣他的兒子來到世上，不是要定世人的罪，而是要藉着他拯救世人。」

約翰福音 3:16-17 (新普及譯本)

邁出你的下一步



1. 環境 2. 上帝 3. 再來 4. 同在 5. 拯救