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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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### "THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION"

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THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN

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#### Luke 2:36-38

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we do well to understand, and to admit that this world is on a quest to find relief. the relief that I am speaking of is not a relief from economic woes or even physical challenges, it's not even a world free of war and violence.

the world and every human being is seeking and desiring relief from an internal battle, a struggle that is native to mankind's plight.

## It's This Reality

that Jesus addresses when he calls out to the world and says...

### John 4:14

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

## An Explosion of Peace and Meaning; Relief !

### John 6:33-35

For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." :34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." :35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

### Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good; Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

## Notice The Correlation Here;

That Trusting in Almighty God Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Means that You Will Never again Hunger or Thirst Again in This Life.

### Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;  
For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

**I.) Will be prepared to go after it**

**v.36-38**

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a Type of the Believer Throughout the Ages and even Today

## The Pursuit of God

### Jeremiah 29:1-13

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. :12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. :13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*be prepared to go after it*

**a.) even if it means waiting**

**v.36a**

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## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

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### 1 Peter 1:8-10

whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, :9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls. :10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come to you*,

### Romans 8:22-23

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. :23 Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

### Titus 2:13-14

**looking for** the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, :14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

# THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*be prepared to go after it*

**b.) even if it means a difficult life**

**v.36b-37**

she had lived with her husband **seven years** from her virginity;  
:37 and this woman **was a widow of about eighty-four years**,

**7 years** after they were married,  
he died and she had lived another **84 years** without husband

it had been **91 years** since her wedding day  
(if married at 14, that puts her at about **105 years old**)

84 years of being a widow

## Verse 37

...who did not depart from the temple, but served (grk-worshipped) God  
with fastings and prayers night and day.

it would be easy for us to say  
"jack, she was 100 years old, she already lived her life,  
she should have been at the temple"

**No, don't think like that because  
what we gather here is that she became a worshipper,  
a waiter, a prayer, a praiser - because of her hardships**

# THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*be prepared to go after it*  
*will be prepared to go after it - even if it means a difficult life*

**Acts 14:19-22**

Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul *and* dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead. :20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. :21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, :22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

**James 1:2-4**

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, :3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. :4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**Romans 15:13**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*be prepared to go after it*

**c.) even if it means choosing**

**v.38**

And coming in that instant **she gave thanks** to the Lord, and **she spoke of Him** to all those who **looked for redemption** in Jerusalem.

"in that instant" the moment that Simeon was dedicating Jesus unto the Lord.

Anna Hears This, She Sees This and she wells up with adoration!

### What a Joyous Moment for Her and All Like Her !

The Old Testament Spiritual Economy was Empty - The Rituals and Symbols were Dying

**Hebrews 9:12**

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Hebrews 9:13-14**

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, :14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Anna was no stranger to worship and praise because...  
**she had great need for God in her life.**

she had a story to tell of pain and sorrow

I think God delights greatest in the most humble of offerings

**"when there isn't very much to give,  
what is given is much to God"**

**she gave thanks** to the Lord  
**she spoke of Him** (The Lord)

**What's Implied Here is This;**

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she recognizes her need for redemption

she understands that only the Lord can redeem a man or woman,

so based on that truth, she gives him thanks for her redemption in advance,

and then encourages others who desire redemption to do the same!

**redemption**

grk . lu/trwsif lutrosis, loo'-tro-sis;

to rescue from an enemy, a ransoming back, or the getting back of something lost or stolen.

to pay a price for something that you already own.

what was she longing for in redemption?

she was longing to be owned by God again

with that came acceptance, approval, protection, forgiveness

**Galatians 3:13-14**

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"), :14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**Revelation 5:9**

And they (those in heaven) sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

**Romans 3:23-24**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, :24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**Ephesians 1:6-7**

to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. :7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

**II.) Will be wondering about deeper things v.39-48**

**a.) Like spiritual reality v.39-41**

### SOMETHING BEYOND THE PERCEPTION

**:39** So when they had **performed all things** according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. **:40** And the Child grew (physically) and became strong in spirit (spiritual character) , filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. **:41** His parents **went to Jerusalem every year** at the Feast of the Passover.

Right Before Them and Under Their Nose  
the savior of the world was being prepared to be an offering  
"the Feast of the Passover"

#### Outward Types and Symbols Cannot help us Hebrews 9:9-11

It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— **:10** *concerned* only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. **:11** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*Will be wondering about Deeper Things...*

**b.) Like drawing nearer to God v.42-45**

**42** And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. **:43** When they had finished the days, as they returned, **the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem.** And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; **:44** but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. **:45** So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

#### Psalm 73:28

But *it is* good for me to **draw near** (enter in, approach) to God;

#### Hebrews 7:19

for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we **draw near** to God.

**Hebrews 10:21-23**

and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, :22 let us **draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. :23 Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

## BUT HOW DO WE DRAW NEAR?

>> by faith <<

**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Galatians 4:4-6**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive **the adoption as sons**. :6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, **“Abba, Father!”**

## THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

*Will wondering about Deeper Things...*

**c.) Like getting the answers to life**

**v.46**

:46 Now so it was *that* after three days **they found Him** (found = they retraced their steps) in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both **listening** to them and **asking** them questions.

Notice with Me,  
Jesus wasn't Looking for them, // rather they were looking for Him.

**Verse 47**

:47 And all who heard Him were **astonished** at His understanding (asking the right questions) and answers.

**astonished** at his **understand** = questions

**ejxi+sthmi existemi, ex-is'-tay-mee**

to be outside the normal, to overwhelm others, to hold spellbound.

**astonished** at his **answers** = an address with a conclusion

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:48 So when they saw Him, they were **amazed**; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”



**Bible Scholars Agree on This Point,  
Mary's Questioning Reveals a Sense of Complacency**

**THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION**

**III.) Will be willing to obey God at any cost v.49-52**

**a.) By following Jesus Christ and what He does v.49**

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

**And He said to them,  
"Why did you seek Me?  
Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"**

**Don't You Remember What Was Said of Me?**

**Remember 12 years ago...**

**Luke 2:34**

Simeon had said; "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel..."

**Even at my Birth the Angels said in Luke 2:10**

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

his answer is truly amazing

Jesus as a Young Man Reveals to Us What He's Understanding Himself.

<<His Mission is from His Father in Heaven>>

**"to be about My Father's business"**

**W.W.J.D.**

we are now His sons and daughters by faith in Him.

**John 1:10-13**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: :13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **Ephesians 2:1-5**

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, :2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, :3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

### **Ephesians 2:11-13**

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— :12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. :13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## **THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION**

*be willing to obey God at any cost*

**b.) Even when we do not understand**

**v.50**

But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

**c.) By committing ourselves to the will of God**

**v.51-52**

Then He went down **with them** (*in agreement*) and came to Nazareth, and was **subject to them**, (*to place Himself under*) but His mother kept all these things in her heart. :52 And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favor** with God and men.

Jesus grew "in balance"

to the things of life/ he would have studied hard for school, and played with other boys. he would have went to synagogue and played with a dog, he laughed, he cried, he played, he fished, he cleaned his room and had to gather firewood.

**GOD'S HAND WAS UPON HIM**

**AND MEN COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH HIM**

### **Psalms 139:1-4**

O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. :2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. :3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. :4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

# Regarding His Incarnation, Becoming Flesh

C.H. Spurgeon Wrote;

"Jesus grew in his earthly body, he also grew to understand more of this human life with all of its pains and sorrow but now in human body, just like ours. Yet he was awakening to His mission, to His task. Until then, he would play like boys do, worked with his hands, studied the scriptures, and obey his parents."

## IF YOU'RE SOMEONE TODAY LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION

### THEN HEAR THIS...

YOU'RE WORTH TO GOD IS INFINITE.  
YOUR VALUE IS BEYOND YOUR COMPREHENSION

Part of God's Redemptive Plan is "**Conversion**"

Another part of His plan is "**Restoration**"

"**Impartation**" is what the Master Mechanic is Doing

#### 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, (CONVERSION) and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, (RESTORATION) :19 that is, that God was in Christ (IMPARTATION) reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

#### Hebrews 2:15

*for by Christ he has freed those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

## We Fear Death Because we of Guilt and Shame

#### Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

then you're someone ready for a meaningful life  
you recognize that you have a great need for a sense of cleansing /  
washing you can confess that there seems to be more to living life

**John 10:10b**

...I have come that they may have life,  
and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

*end...*