

answering time until the program completes

Luke 2:25-38

Titus 2:1-14
stay sound & sober
hopeful until
Luke 2:25-38

B. Simeon (Luke 2:25ff) and Anna (Luke 2:36ff)

1. A note on their ages...we do not have the exact figures but they are "mature"...and their involvement in the study of the Lord's coming. Interesting history!
2. The reality of long expectations...it is easy to become discouraged but these two did not...why? They believed God and lived in hope.
3. Blessing is not at our command but does come in time...
 - a. Simeon: praise and prophecy $2:25-38$
 $34-35$
 - b. Anna: a sharing of truth $2:37-38$
4. For both of them there is a satisfaction in the program of God. They do not control it or manipulate the circumstances...they accept the appointment with faith and trust (apparently as we view them continuing their callings in life)
5. So....the perspective is that life is a gift from God and is therefore an opportunity to express thanks and to serve worshipfully as one waits for the completion of God's purposes.
6. The practical note that accompanies this is identified as worship, prayer, witness, and preparation for the fulfillment.

Titus 2:1-14

a little white
acts 11:3
11:3

C. David Psalm 37, v 25 is the key to this understanding

From a senior position David gives this psalm in response to his life and in the prospect of time, to our lives as well. Dividing the Psalm we see the perspective build:

dates on reference

2 Sam 5:4
30/40

1. Marching orders: 37:1-8...note the string of imperative verbs
2. 37:9-21...a summary of the Lord's authority
3. 37:22-26....the witness of grace..it is of the Lord's mercy that we continue

his life
a boy with soul
amounts = 2 Sam 2:14
177 idiom
both Shaba (high)
- blessing
- mother's victory
- family tears
Abraham
restored