



Prayers

# **This Weeks Sermon**

*“Still Waiting”*

*Luke 2:25-35*

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and the glory of your people Israel.”

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400 years of waiting for anything

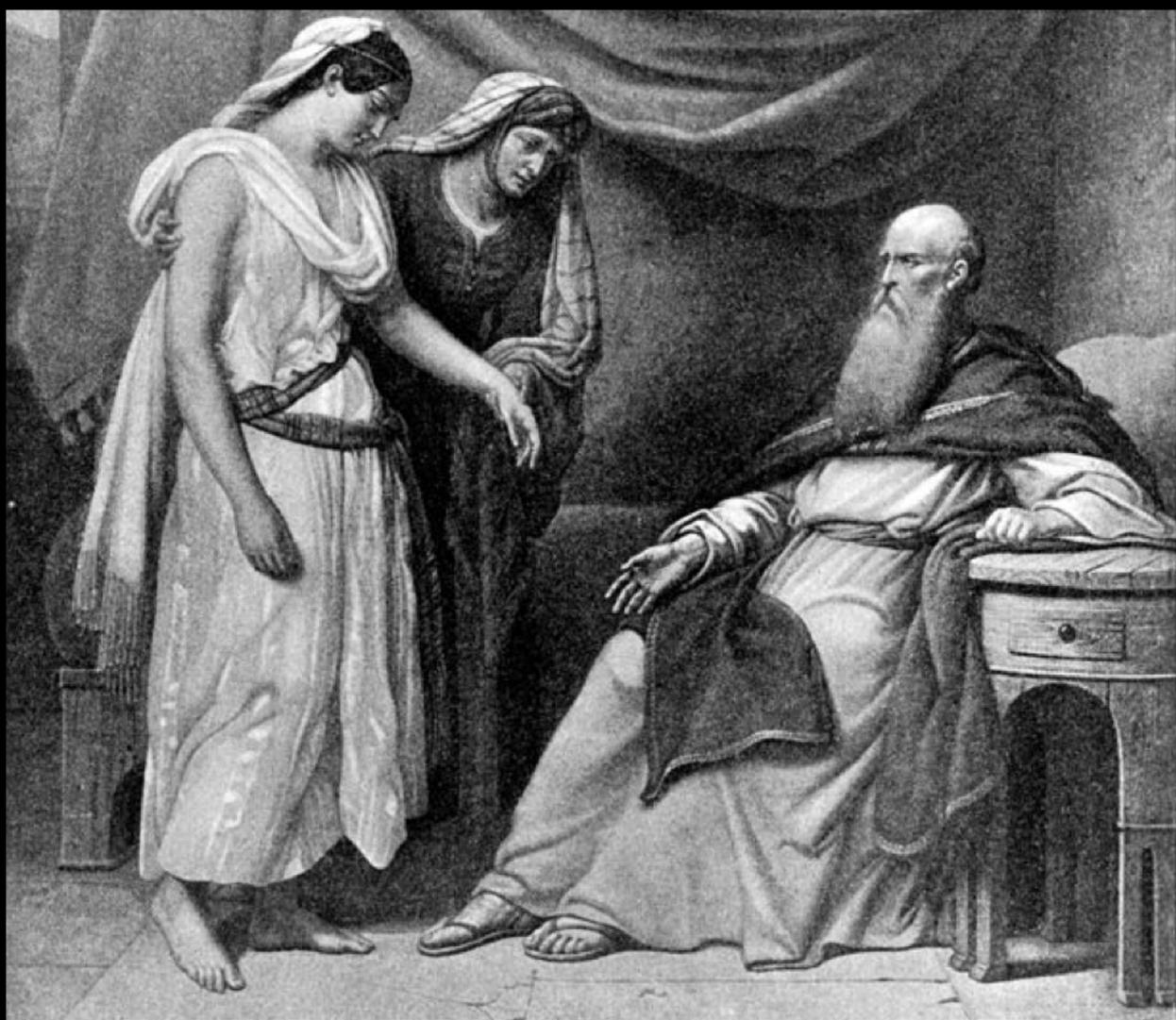
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when we have to wait!**







**We usually take things into our own hands  
when we have to wait and when we don't  
get what we want we get mad at God!**

A stylized illustration of a young boy with a red shawl, set against a blue background with a cityscape silhouette. The boy's face is rendered in a high-contrast, woodcut-like style with black and white lines. The red shawl is draped over his shoulders, and the background features a dark blue sky with a faint cityscape silhouette and a body of water reflecting the lights.

# Les Misérables

[CONVICT TWO]  
I've done no wrong!  
Sweet Jesus, hear my prayer!

[PRISONERS]  
Look down look down,  
Sweet Jesus doesn't care

[Fantine]

I dreamed a dream in time gone by,  
When hope was high and life, worth living.  
I dreamed that love would never die,  
I dreamed that God would be forgiving.

[FANTINE]

My daughter's close to dying...

If there's a God above

He'd let me die instead

[Javert]

He knows his way in the dark

Mine is the way of the Lord

And those who follow the path of the righteous

Shall have their reward

And so it has been and so it is written

On the doorway to paradise

That those who falter and those who fall

Must pay the price!

[Thenardier]

It's a world where the dog eats the dog

Where they kill for bones in the street

And God in His Heaven

He don't interfere

'Cause he's dead as the stiffs at my feet

I raise my eyes to see the heavens

And only the moon looks down

**After a lifetime of waiting...**

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[Valjean]  
God on high  
Hear my prayer  
Take me now  
To thy care  
Where You are  
Let me be  
Take me now  
Take me there  
Bring me home  
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[Valjean]  
Now you are here  
Again beside me  
Now I can die in peace  
For now my life is blessed....

Forgive me all my trespasses  
And take me to your glory.

And remember  
The truth that once was spoken  
To love another person  
Is to see the face of God!

**After a lifetime of waiting, Simeon's  
prayer.**

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## Isaiah 42:6-7

<sup>6</sup>“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
<sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in  
darkness.

# Simeon's prophetic blessing

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## Matthew 10:34-39

<sup>34</sup> “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn  
“ ‘a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law —  
<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

## Matthew 10:34-39

<sup>37</sup> “ Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

# Gospel Application

*Wait on the Lord*