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Hope is established by belief that what **God has said will happen**

Simeon

* He was an aged man
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Simeon and the Holy Spirit

* “the Holy Spirit was upon him” (2:25)
* “revealed to him by the Holy Spirit” (2:26)
* “He came in the Spirit into the temple” (2:27)
  + Being in the Spirit leads a person to follow the Lord’s promptings, even **when it is not clear why**
* The Holy Spirit had revealed to him a very special privilege
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Hope is **Holy Spirit dependent**

Simeon Trusted in **God’s Sovereignty**

* Despite the long wait that Israel had endured, Simeon knew God had a purpose in the waiting
  + Hope is the confident expectation that God will cause to happen what He has promised

Simeon’s Prophecies

* “My eyes have seen Your salvation”
  + Which would save from eternal destruction both Jews and Gentiles from many generations
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Hope **enables perseverance**, even when it comes with great pain

Authentic hope can only come **through the Savior**

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