

## When the Waiting is Over

### Luke 2:21-40

1. Joseph and Mary waited forty days to go to the temple
  - a. Jesus was circumcised to fulfill Genesis 17
  - b. Mary was purified according to Leviticus 12
  - c. Jesus was consecrated according to Exodus 13
2. Simeon waited for the Lord's Messiah to be revealed
  - a. Simeon had been given a one-item bucket list
  - b. Simeon sang the fourth "Christmas Song" in Luke
  - c. Simeon's prophecy to Mary struck an ominous tone
3. Anna waited at the temple for about sixty years
  - a. She loved God and wanted to be in his presence
  - b. She appeared at just the right moment after Simeon
  - c. She spoke about Jesus to others who were waiting...