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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### **ANSWER THE CALL FUNDRAISER** — through December 17

*We are fundraising for a missions trip to India and Nepal through Answer the Call International. Many of you will remember when Chinna spoke at Destiny in August. This ministry supports a children's home, widows, lepers, and pastors. We are hosting a **SILENT AUCTION FOR 10 BASKETS**. Bidding closes **THIS MORNING**, and winners will be notified at the end of service.*

*There is also a **RAFFLE FOR DAKOTA BUTCHER**. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one or \$20 for three. There will be 3 drawings in the amounts of \$125, \$75, and \$50. Please see Leonne Seevers with questions, and to purchase the raffle tickets.*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** — Sunday, December 24, 3:30 pm

*Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. We are not having a Sunday morning service, but are inviting you, instead, to attend our beloved afternoon Christmas Eve Service with family and friends. Worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus, take pictures with our Evergreen trees, and sip on some hot cocoa. It is going to be a wonderful time with your Destiny family!*

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE ALL-WORSHIP SUNDAY** — Sunday, December 31, 10:00 am

*It is a 5th-Sunday celebration that you want to be sure to attend! Bring in the New Year with your Destiny family and a Sunday morning of nothing but praise and worship.*

### **APPLY TO LEAD A CONNECT GROUP**

*The start of our Winter/Spring Connect Group is quickly approaching. Connect Groups provide an amazing opportunity to build relationships within our Destiny Family. If you are interested in gathering people regularly to do a Bible study, hike, have a meal, or enjoy a hobby together, please see Pastor Valerie or apply to lead one of our Connect groups at [mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead](http://mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead).*

### **21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING KICK-OFF EVENT** — Friday, January 5, 5:00 pm

*Pray together with Wendy Nolasco, Ted Vail, and President Randy Remington, along with Foursquare leaders from across the nation. Access the event on January 5 online at [FoursquarePrayer.org](http://FoursquarePrayer.org).*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

12.17.23 | CHRISTMAS IS HERE, Part 2: Let Earth Receive Her King

## THE COMING OF THE KING

Are you receiving His \_\_\_\_\_ in your life? (Psalm 98)

*Forty days after the birth of her son, Mary's time of purification had completed, so she came to the temple with a sacrifice, according to the law of Moses. So Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to Jerusalem to be dedicated before the Lord. For it is stated in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be set apart for God" and is required to offer a prescribed sacrifice, "either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."*

*As they came to the temple to fulfill this requirement, an elderly man was there waiting—a resident of Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. He was a very good man, a lover of God who kept himself pure, and the Spirit of holiness rested upon him. Simeon believed in the imminent appearing of the one called "The Refreshing of Israel." For the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not see death before he saw the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Keeping his promise, the Holy Spirit led Simeon to be in the temple court at the very moment Jesus' parents entered to fulfill the requirement of the sacrifice.*

*Simeon cradled the baby in his arms and praised God and prophesied: Lord and Master... **Luke 2:22-29a ESV***

What are you known for? What will be said about you? What do you want said about you? Are the decisions that you are making today going to produce the outcome that you want?

### WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SIMEON?

1. He was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

Following Holy Spirit's lead is \_\_\_\_\_ and cultivating an \_\_\_\_\_.

Simeon was holding on to the promise that he had been waiting for!

- Devout means " \_\_\_\_\_ " taking hold of what is good and worthwhile.
- Sometimes we need to be reminded that there are no limits to His \_\_\_\_\_. (**Psalm 125:6, Isaiah 46:9-10, Job 42:2, Ephesians 1:11**)

We should \_\_\_\_\_ for the King in everything, and then do whatever we can to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

### PROMISES OF THE KING

1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
2. I will ask the Father to send you a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I will give you \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I will never \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I will \_\_\_\_\_ and take you to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."*

*And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. **Luke 2:29-33 ESV***