



Imagine: Hope for 2008 *(The hope of Simeon)*

A Wonderful Promise—a heart-longing will be fulfilled:

The Issues of Delay—when a promise is deferred:

An Amazing Twist—an 8 day-old baby boy arrives in the temple:

The Fruit of Hoping—a heart-level peace about dying:

A Choice to Emulate—quiet, trusting hope in the character and promises of God:

- Jeremiah 29:11-14:
- Romans 8:31-39:

The lesson from the life of a hoping man:

“God is the faithful Promise Keeper and He is worthy of our quiet hope.”

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

Central Truth: "God is the faithful Promise Keeper and He is worthy of our quiet hope."

Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** What are your hopes? Do you think God has promised to fulfill them? What is your biggest hope? How long have you been waiting for this big desire to be fulfilled?
- **Monday:** What are the issues that arise in your life when a promise or a hope is delayed? List all of them that you can think of. What do you do?
- **Tuesday:** Do you find yourself, today or on other days, doubting the goodness of God? Why or why not? Do you have evidence of His goodness in your life?
- **Wednesday:** Have you had hopes fulfilled in unexpected ways? Can you list five of these? What do you make of God's propensity to fulfill hopes and answer prayers in unpredictable ways?
- **Thursday:** Read, meditate on, and pray through Jeremiah 29:11-14. What are the principles for us from this promise to the people of Israel?
- **Friday:** Read, meditate on, and pray through Romans 8:31-39. What are the principles for us from this passage for us?
- **Saturday:** In what ways has God proven Himself to be faithful and good to you?
- **Bonus opportunity for peace:** What is "quiet" hope?