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Daily Reflections



MY EYES HAVE SEEN

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An Excerpt from Today's Gospel

*“Lord, now let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you prepared in the sight of every people,
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.”*

LUKE 2:29-32

Reflection

We are in a season of Light and Presence that seeks to transform hearts to share in God’s creative and relational life, drawing all into One. Yet, from the beginning, light and darkness wrestle for dominance. It is still true today. How do I perceive this struggle in these times? Where have “**my own eyes ... seen**

the salvation?”

The author of Luke's Gospel writes in detail about the birth and participants in the infancy narratives in hopes of making the reality of the incarnation more available to hearers of the Word. God comes among us in vulnerable human form and encounters those who recognize the Word of God fulfilled.

Joining the parade of characters is the elderly Simeon, who had patiently waited for the revelation before him. In the child Jesus, Simeon's ancient eyes of faith recognized the quest of his desire, God among us! ***“Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you prepared in the sight of every people.”***

This is well and good for Simeon. He directs my attention to the possibility of surprise encounters with God. I believe that every moment is pregnant with possibility of encounter with God. Simeon stirs me to ponder my soul's desire for God's presence. I am aware of the glimmer of hope to be all that God created me to be.

I hope that Love transforms our hearts and heals inner wounds and broken relationships. Yet hope alone is not sufficient. Only the God of Hope can make the necessary grace tangible within my life. Then I must be intentional, allowing my life to speak of my own desire by my manner of communicating with and relating to all people without distinction.

Someday I, too, will stand on the brink of the next life. Between now and then, I pray to be alert to God's companioning presence so I can honestly speak the words: ***“Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.”***

In this season of light and hope, the loving and consoling presence of God is available to us all. We need only be alert to the myriad ways God is revealed in the ordinary of each day.



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For Pondering

- How does your manner of being reveal God's self-revelation today?
- In whom or what or where do you see God's promise fulfilled in your presence today?

- Write a litany or a list or a poem of all the ways God is revealed for you today.

For Prayer

*God of Hope,
I pray for you to open my eyes,
let faith in your companioning presence flourish in my soul.
Alert me to see your face in surprising ways
found in the people and circumstances of life lived fully each day.
I wait for you to reveal yourself to me
and teach me to love as you love.
Amen.*

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