

**OLD AND NEW | THE ANSWER FOR ISOLATION & DISCOURAGEMENT**  
**LUKE 2: 25-35 & ADDITIONAL PASSAGES**

When Jesus Christ was born over 2,000 years ago, God answered the prayers of those who longed to hear from Him for over 400 years. Their wait reminds us of the Israelites in Egyptian slavery crying out to the Lord. He heard their prayers and sent Moses as their deliverer. We are reminded that God hears our cries when we are overcome with discouragement or feelings of isolation. When we reflect on Mary and Joseph, Simeon, and Anna, we see challenging situations, trials, pain, and loneliness. We see people in difficult situations, who came to realize the solution for isolation and discouragement would come in a Baby born in a manger. What must we remember in times of discouragement and isolation?

1. In times of isolation and discouragement God is still \_\_\_\_\_ out His \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Even at times where we face discouragement because our plans and His plans \_\_\_\_\_, God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In difficult times, \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ it because He is faithful to His \_\_\_\_\_.