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**WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?**

LUKE 2:25-35

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Advent:

1. How Israel waited for the promise of the Messiah;
2. How God fulfilled that promise by entering into our world through the Incarnation of the Son; and
3. How we, as the church, is now waiting for the coming back of the Resurrected Christ.





Scripture Reading

- Luke 2:25-35 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,



29 *"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."* 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, *"Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."*



“Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God. Speak
tenderly (or in consolation) to
Jerusalem, and cry to her that
her warfare is ended, that her
iniquity is pardoned, that she
has received from the LORD's
hand double for all her sins.”
– Isaiah 40:1-2

“Consolation of Israel”



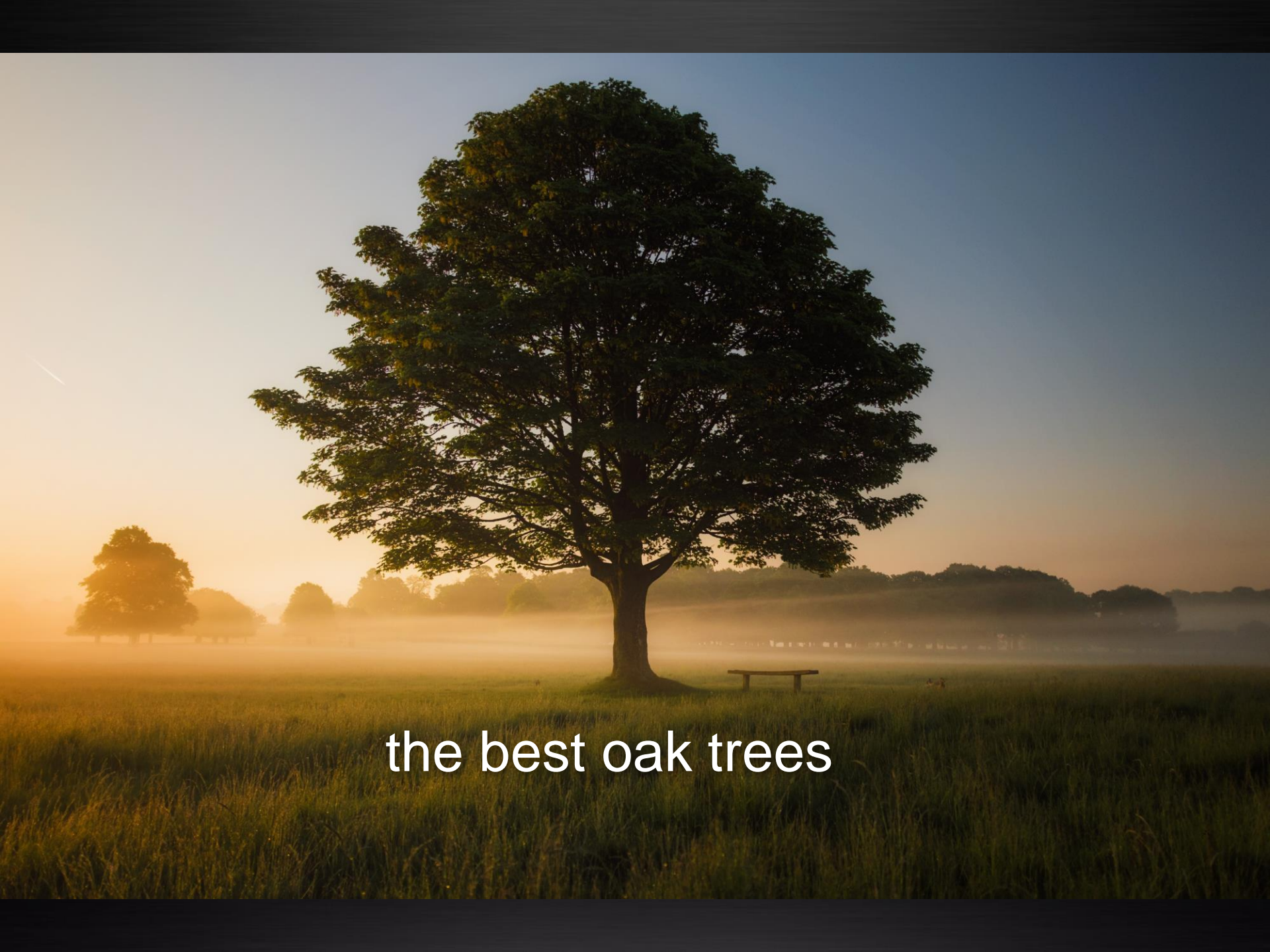
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- Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”
- After that, God was silent for 400 years



Three lessons

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2. **Waiting** is rewarding
3. **Waiting** is knowing and walking in the truth



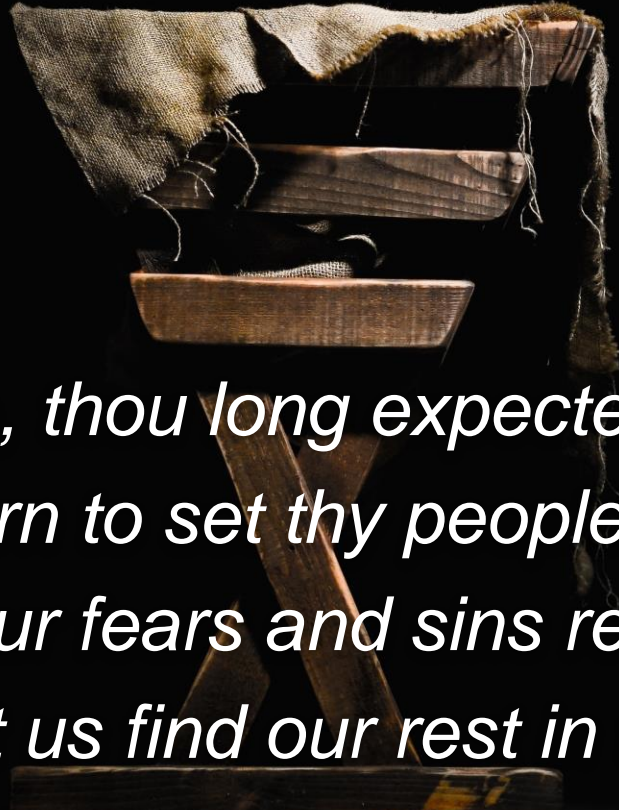
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While we wait, we need not wait passively, but we wait in **active obedience** to **Whom** we are waiting for.





*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

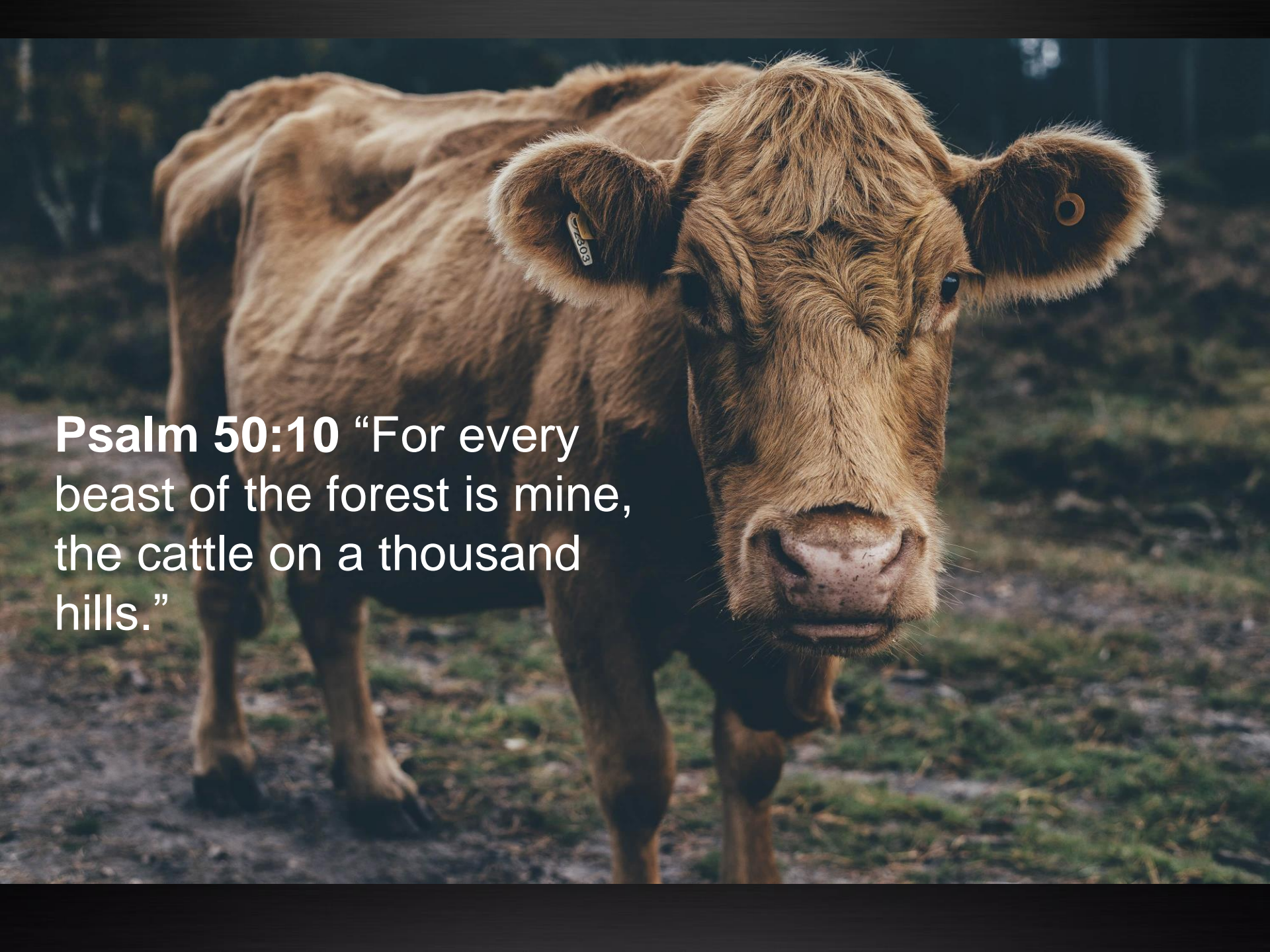


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A close-up photograph of a brown cow with a tag in its ear, standing in a field. The cow is looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred green field.

Psalm 50:10 “For every
beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand
hills.”



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BIG Question: What do we do with God's
revelation to us?