



Homesick: Luke 2:25-32

The holidays can sometimes make us nostalgic. Christmas cards arrive, familiar aromas waft from the kitchen, family and friends laugh as stories are retold for what seems like the hundredth time. Many of us find ourselves a bit homesick. Maybe homesick for a particular place, perhaps homesick for particular people, or an age which seems lost in the mists of time.

We celebrate Epiphany this week. The Revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles. It's easy for the significance of Epiphany to get lost amidst all those strange sounding words. I would suggest to you that Epiphany is God's answer to all our homesickness. It is His response to that sometimes unrecognized realization that we are not made for this world. That we're made for a different world. A better world. Epiphany is the reminder that God sent his Son in the flesh so that he might show us the way home.

Simeon sings about this in his famous song. He describes the infant Jesus as "a light of revelation for the Gentiles". As you consider Epiphany and Simeon's words, ask yourself these questions:

- How comfortable am I in the world?
- Am I homesick for the world to come?
- Am I following Jesus as he shows the way home?

Music to live by:

Finally Home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVAehaHKRMk>

