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Down*

**Response of
Praise to
Christ**

LUKE 2:36-38



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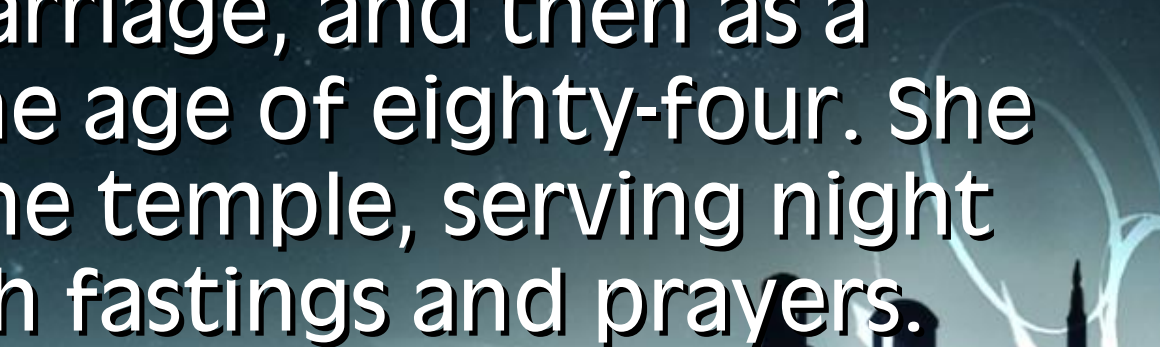
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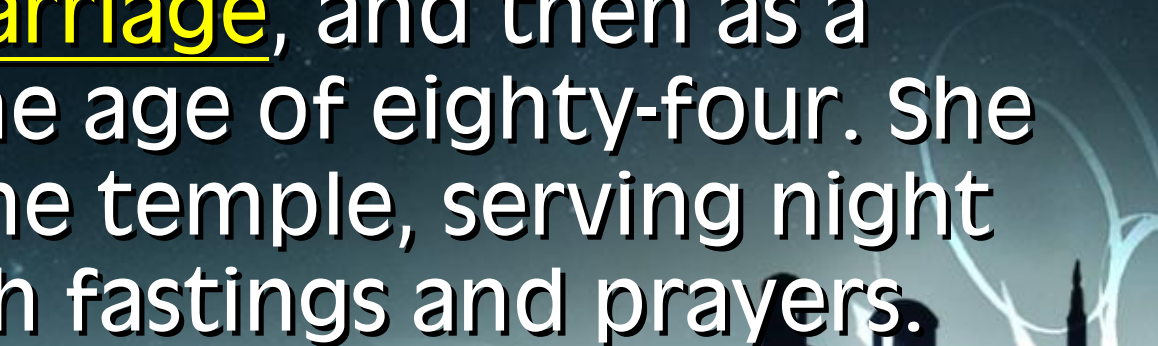
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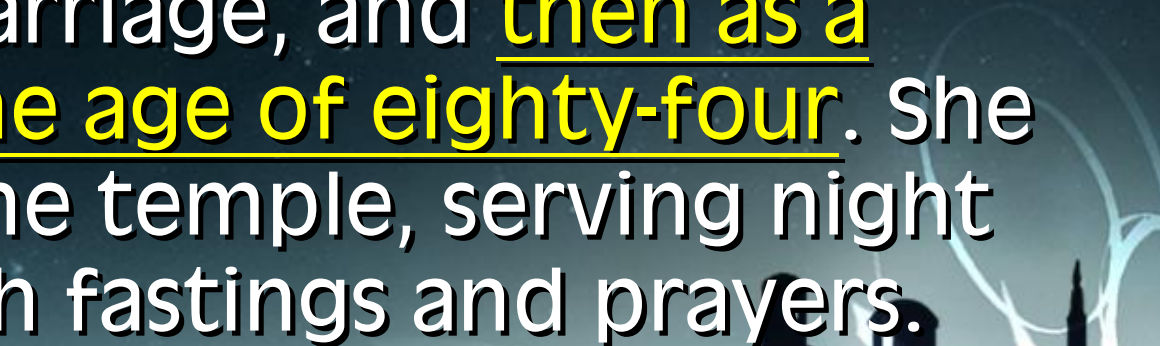
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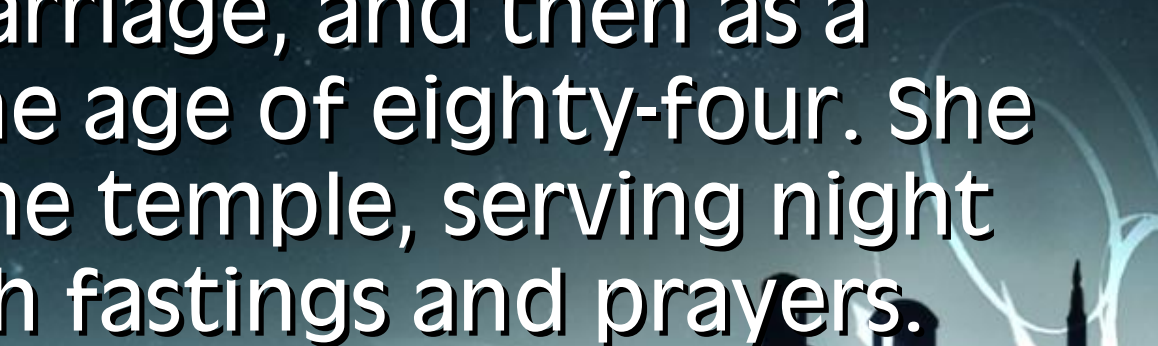
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Paul's perseverance **PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14**

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;



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but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



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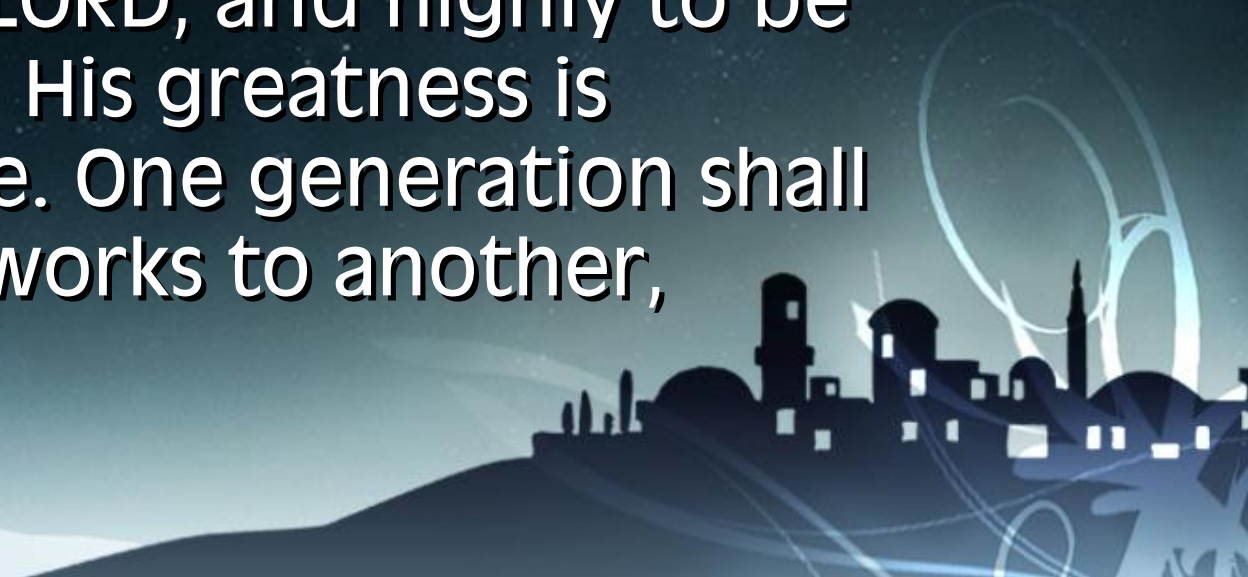
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David's praise **PSALM 145:1-7**


I will **extol** You, my God, O King, And I will **bless** Your name forever and ever. Every day I will **bless** You, And I will **praise** Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and highly to be **praised**, And His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall **praise** Your works to another,



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David's praise **PSALM 145:1-7**

And shall **declare** Your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will
meditate. Men shall **speak** of the power of
Your awesome acts, And I will **tell** of Your
greatness. They shall **eagerly utter** the
memory of Your abundant goodness
And will **shout joyfully** of
Your righteousness.

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λαλέω = speak, talk, say, preach, proclaim, tell, address, converse



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Philip and the eunuch

ACTS 8:30-31

Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?"



ACTS 8:35-36

...Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture (Isaiah 53) he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"



ACTS 8:39-40

...When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but **went on his way rejoicing**. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through **he kept preaching the gospel** to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.



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Response Time

Prayer

There are people available to pray with at our prayer booth in the back.

Communion

We have elements at the stations for you to receive communion as you remember Christ's death.

Giving

You may bring your gift of offering before the Lord to the stations.