

*"Eternity, Eternity, I wish that I could
sound or shout that word to
everyone in the streets of Sydney.
You've got to meet it, where will you
spend Eternity?"*

Stoermy

[1] The promise of a child

"The task of every generation is to discover in which direction the sovereign Redeemer is moving, then move in that direction."

[2] The arrival of the child

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Simeon –

‘waiting for the consolation of Israel’

Anna –

‘looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem’

The arrival of the child

*‘Everlasting Father’
does not mean
‘God the Father’*

The arrival of the child

'Everlasting Father' = 'Father of eternity'

Father of eternity

*The father figure in a community,
church, nation*

*“His departure leaves a deep feeling
of being orphaned.”*

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled ..
I will not leave you as orphans”*

John 14.1 & 18

Father of eternity

*The very source, essence,
personification of eternity*

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

[3] The mission of the child

*‘one thief was saved
(in order) that no sinner might despair,
but only one, that no sinner might presume.’*

Fear of the awesome God

Acknowledgement of personal sin

Recognition of Christ's innocence

Personal faith in Christ the King as Saviour

Prayer

Humility

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:39-40