

Simeon
Luke 2:25-35

After His Birth Luke 2:22-24

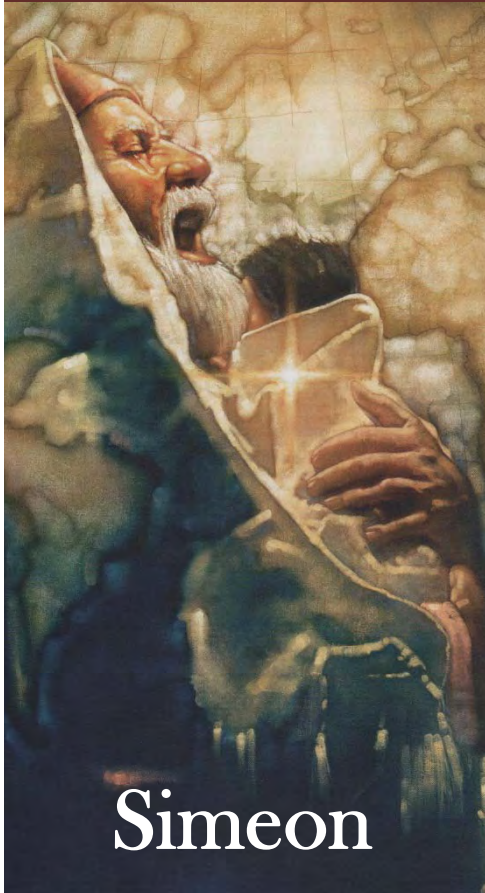


Circumcision – 8th Day (Genesis 17; Deut. 10:15-20)

This was His first suffering for us

Ceremonial Purification (Leviticus 12)

Presentation of First Born Son (Exodus 12; Numb. 18)



Who Was Simeon?

Luke 2:25a

We do not know his occupation.

We do not know his background.

All we know is, he lived in Jerusalem.

In the drama of human life God can use anyone who is like Simeon



Qualifications for Service?

Luke 2:25b

“Righteous” and “Devout”

A true believer before God and men

Waiting on God

He knew what God had said and

He expected God to fulfill His Promise

Relationship with God by Holy Spirit

God’s Spirit talked to him in his heart



Qualifications for Service?

Luke 2:25b

A Person of Faithfulness

“Righteous” and “Devout”

A Person of Hope

Knowing the Scriptures

A Person Walking Fellowship

The Holy Spirit was upon Him

Our walk with God is the most important part of life

Simon's Privilege

Luke 2:26

A Personal Prophecy

He would not see death
until he had seen the Messiah



Simon's Privilege

Luke 2:26

To Fulfill the personal prophecy
he had to be submissive to the
movement of the Holy Spirit

1. Part of that is obedient submission
to the things we have been called to
do in the Word of God
(He was a Faithful Person)

Righteous and Devout





Submissive to the Holy Spirit

Not just our hearing but doing what God says and the Holy Spirit will help us

- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Do not store up treasures for yourselves here on earth where moth and rust destroy.



Submissive to the Holy Spirit

- Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.
- Do not worry about tomorrow.
- Don't look at another person lustfully.
- Give generously to those in need; give as has been given to you



Submissive to the Holy Spirit

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To Fulfill the personal prophecy
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movement of the Holy Spirit

Allowing the Spirit of God to move us to do His Word,
teaches us to hear Him in our hearts

Simon's Privilege

Luke 2:26



To Fulfill the personal prophecy

2. We will then be ready to act upon His leading when God speaks to us in the moment by His Spirit

When the Spirit said go, Simeon went

Simeon's Song

Luke 2:28-32

A Song of Worship:

because of God's Faithfulness

*...he took him up in his arms
and blessed God and said,*

*“Lord, now you are letting your servant
depart in peace,
according to your word;*

Luke 2:28-29



Simeon's Song

Luke 2:28-32

A Song of Salvation:

because of God's Provision

...for my eyes have seen your salvation

Luke 2:30



Simeon's Song

Luke 2:28-32

So Satisfied he is ready to die.

“Depart”

To untie a ship and set sail

To take down a tent

To release a servant from his duty

Christians are not afraid of death for it simply frees us
to the blessings of the next life.



Simeon's Song

Luke 2:28-32

A Song of Missions:

because of God's moving to the
whole world.

*...that you have prepared
in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel*

Luke 2:31-32





Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

*And his father and his mother marveled
at what was said about him.*



Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

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,

Humbling before the Lord
and the Lord lifting them up

Salvation



Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

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Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

and for a sign that is opposed

Sign of His Birth

(John 8:41)

Miracles done in Satan's power

(Matthew 12:22-24)

Character Questioned

(John 8:48-52, 9:16, 24)



Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

and for a sign that is opposed

Slandered at His Death

(Matthew 27:39-44)

Lied about His Resurrection

(Matthew 27:62-66)

Today people speak against

His coming again

(2 Peter 3:3-9)

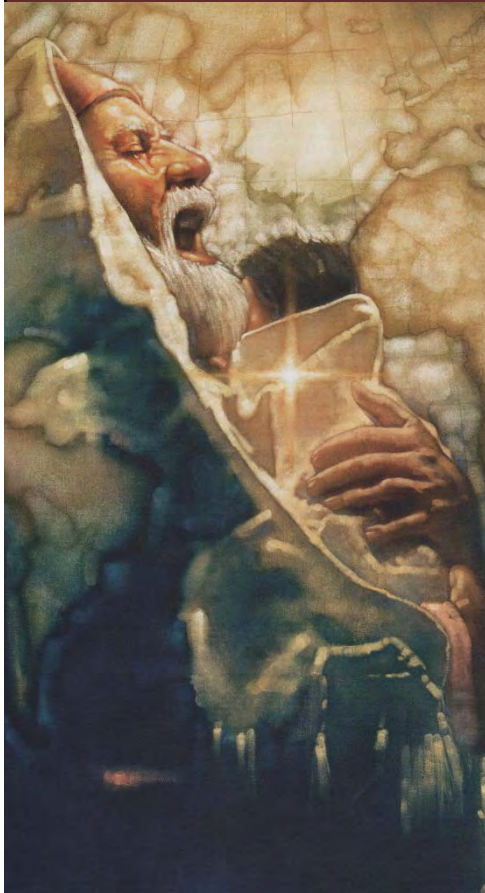


Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

*³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through
your own soul also)*

***Mary's Great Role will
Cost a great price.***



Simeon's Prophecy

Luke 2:33-35

*³⁵ so that thoughts from many hearts
may be revealed.*

Thoughts = Hostile Thoughts

**People's reaction to Jesus' ministry
has in the past and will today show
how people will respond to God.**



How Does That Affect Us?

Follow Simeon's Walk with the Lord

A Person of Faithfulness

A Person of Hope

A Person in Close Fellowship
with God by the Holy Spirit
through submissive obedience



How Does That Affect Us?

Focus on The Song of Missions:

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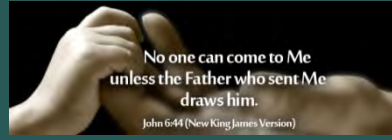
40 Days of Prayer

A Friend or Acquaintance who does not
walk with the Lord

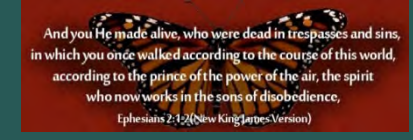
Someone you do not know personally
who does not walk with the Lord



My eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared
before the face of all peoples,
A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.
Luke 2:30-32 (New King James Version)



No one can come to Me
unless the Father who sent Me
draws him.
John 6:44 (New King James Version)



And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
in which you once walked according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit
who now works in the sons of disobedience,
Ephesians 2:1-2 (New King James Version)



But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those
who are perishing whose minds the god of this age has blinded,
who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel
of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (New King James Version)



He has delivered us from the power of darkness
and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love
in whom we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13-14 (NKJV)



Now a certain woman
named Lydia heard us...
The Lord opened her heart
to heed the things
spoken by Paul.
Acts 16:14 (NKJV)



For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the
LOST
Luke 19:10 (ESV)

40 Days of Prayer

Week 1

Lost in Darkness

Hearts Open

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**My eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared
before the face of all peoples,
A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.**

Luke 2:30-32 (New King James Version)

Praying the Theme for the Day

Something Like

(remember there is no formula)

Father, over the next 40 days I am going to be praying for _____ and _____ who I am acquainted with in my *life place*. I also will be praying for _____ who I do not know, but You know him/her.

Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles.

Would you cause the light of your countenance to pierce the darkness for these three and allow them to see your salvation.

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Simeon with Jesus

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Now pray for some need, beyond salvation, that would be in the lives of your 2+1. If you do not know of a need ask the Lord to bring to your mind some need in their life and pray for them. Unless you know of a specific need you will be asking the Lord for specific needs they would have each day.

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**Finally:
Pray a specific blessing for your friend for today.**

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