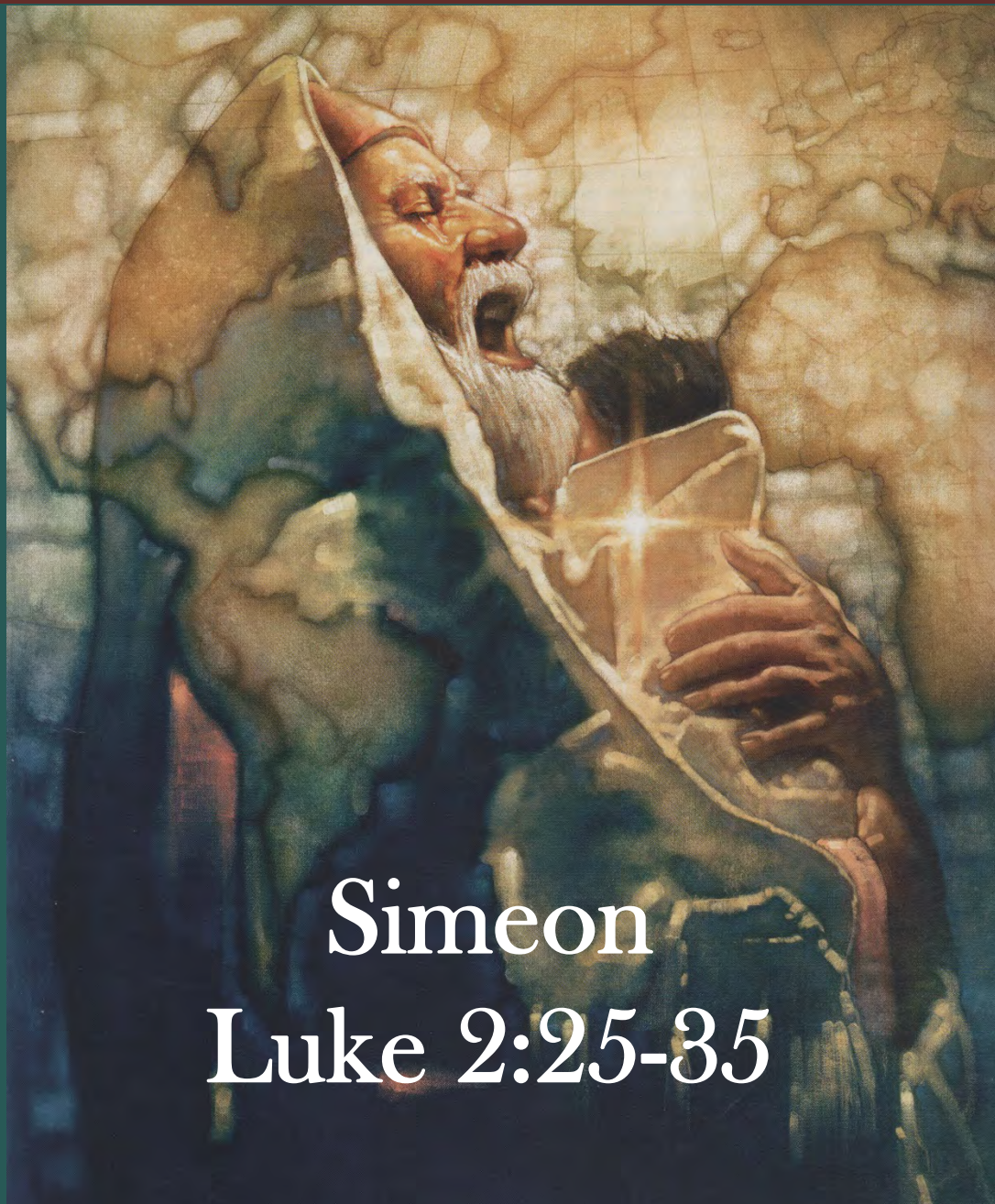


My eyes have seen Your salvation which You
have prepared before the face of all peoples,
a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.

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



Simeon
Luke 2:25-35



Simeon

His Person

His Promise

His Song

His Prophecy

The Drama of the Christmas Story Continues



Simeon

The Back Story

The Drama of the Christmas Story Continues

After His Birth Luke 2:22-24

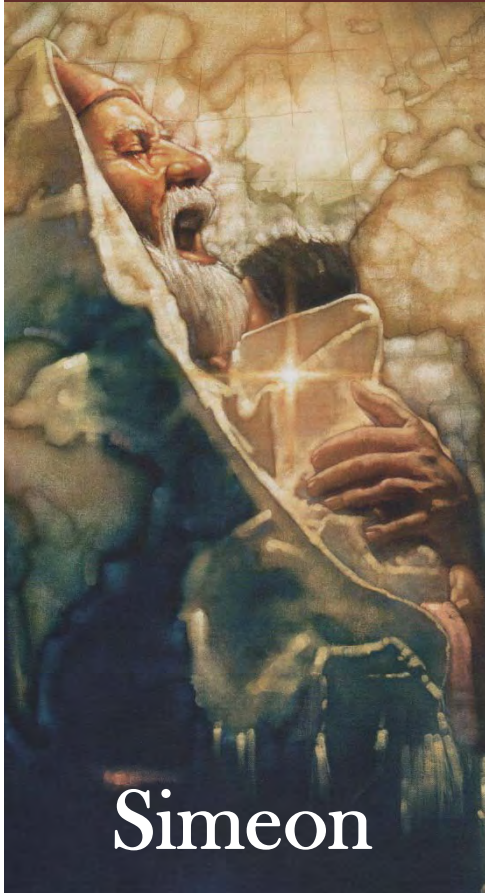


Circumcision – 8th Day (Genesis 17; Deut. 10:15-20; Leviticus 12)

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



What we know of Simeon

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



What we know of Simeon

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

Simeon's Promise

Luke 2:26

A Personal Prophecy

He would not see death
until he had seen the Messiah



Simeon's Promise

Luke 2:26

To see this personal prophecy fulfilled
he had to be submissive to the
movement of the Holy Spirit

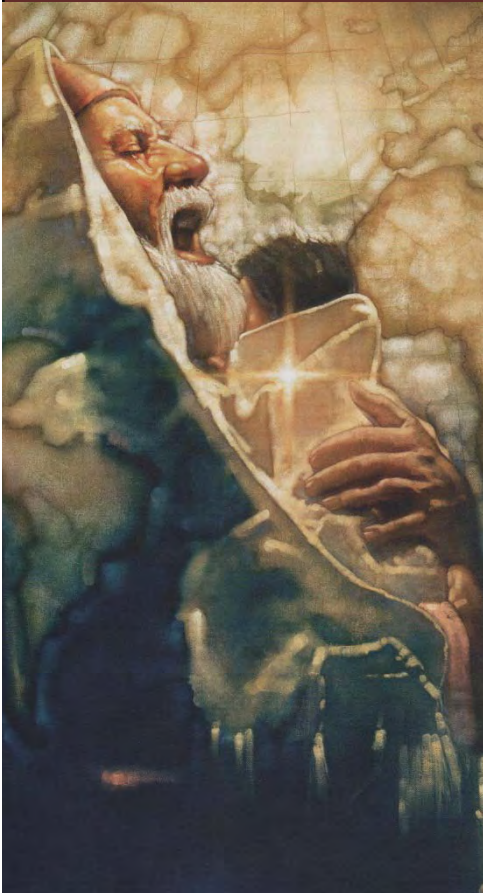
1. Obedient Submission

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

- Stop passing judgment on each other
- 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

Simeon's Promise

Luke 2:26



To see this personal prophecy fulfilled

1. **Be In Obedient Submission**
to the things we have been called to do
in the Word of God

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

Simeon's Promise

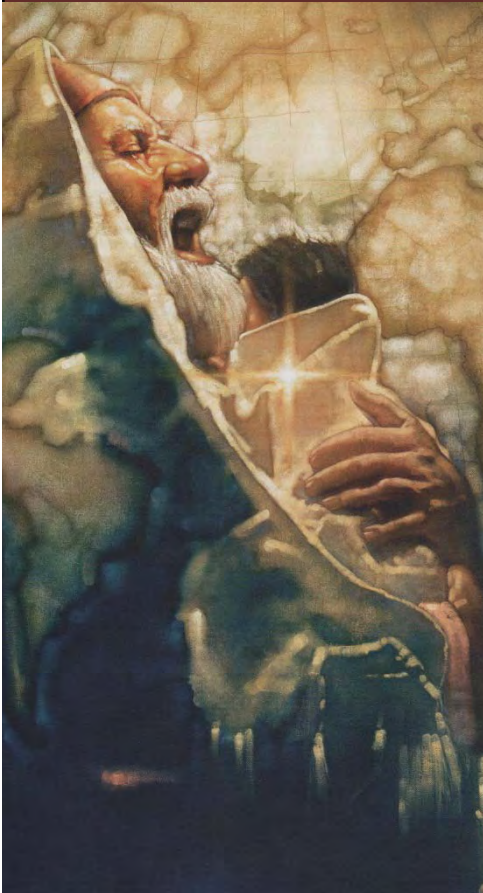
Luke 2:26

To Fulfill the personal prophecy

2. Act quickly when directed

We must 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





Submissive to the Holy Spirit

Luke 2:26

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

Allowing the Spirit of God to direct us in everyday
decisions, teaches us to hear Him in our hearts

Simeon's Song

Luke 2:28-32

A Song of Worship

A Song of Salvation

A Song of Satisfaction

A Song About Missions



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

A Song of Satisfaction:

because of God's Working

Now let your servant depart in peace

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 About 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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and for a sign that is opposed

Sign of His Birth

We were not born of fornication (John 8:41)

Miracles done in Satan's power

*This fellow does not cast out demons except by
Beelzebub (Matthew 12:22-24)*

Character Questioned

You are a Samaritan and have a demon (John 8:48-52)

This Man is not from God (John 9:16)

We know that this Man is a sinner (John 9:24)



and for a sign that is opposed

Slandered at His Death

He saved others; Himself He cannot save

Matthew 27:39-44)

Lied about His Resurrection

*...His disciples came at night and stole Him away
while we slept.*

(Matthew 28:11-15)

Today people speak against

His coming again

Where is the promise of His coming?

(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.**



Lessons from Simeon

Follow Simeon's Walk with the Lord

Be A Person of Faithfulness

Be A Person of Hope

Be A Person in Close Fellowship

with God by the Holy Spirit

Obedience - Swift Action



Lessons from Simeon

The Song of Missions:

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