



**INTRODUCTION:** Simeon was a man who spent his entire life expecting the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. And because he expected to see the Lord, it changed the way he lived (Luke 2:10-11).

*John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

A special day had come in the lives of Joseph and Mary. It was a ceremonial day for all Jewish children, when they would leave the place of their birth and would come to the temple for their dedication. It was to be accomplished 41 days after the birth of a baby, giving time for the purification of the mother.

Joseph and Mary would leave the confines of their solace, their private time with the Lord, and come into a more public setting for the very first time. It was on their way to the temple that they would run into this man named Simeon.

## I. THE ANTICIPATION OF A HOLY MAN

The word "holy" has the meaning of being "set apart". Simeon's life was set apart for God. People like Simeon and Anna lived their lives waiting for the Messiah (Luke 2:38).

### A. SIMEON WAS WAITING FOR MESSIAH (LUKE 2:25)

*Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."*

*John 14:1-3, "1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

### B. SIMEON WAS WAITING IN FAITH (LUKE 2:26)

The word "revealed" shows that there was a Divine admonition given to him. It was based on this admonition that his faith was built up. He was told by the Holy Ghost that he would live to see Messiah.

### C. SIMEON WAS WAITING IN SPIRIT (LUKE 2:27)

Simeon came by way of the Spirit, hoping that this would be the day that he would see Jesus. This is a great way to come to church every Sunday.

*Galatians 5:16-17, "16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."*

## II. THE ADORATION OF A GRATEFUL HEART

### A. AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF BELIEF (LUKE 2:28)

Joseph and Mary have just departed out of Bethlehem, the same place where David kept his father's sheep generations before, and as they entered the temple, they came upon this man Simeon. In verse 28, Simeon was blessing God the Father and adoring Jesus, God's Son, the same way the angels had done before in verses 13-14.

### B. AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELIEF (LUKE 2:11, 29-30)

Simeon had peace in that he saw God's salvation. The only thing he saw with his eyes and referred to as salvation was Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Light of the World (2:32). Jesus is the Light that came to bring salvation to a lost and dying world.

*Romans 10:12-13, "12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

## III. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS HEAVENLY PURPOSE (LUKE 2:33-35)

### A. A PROPHECY OF SUFFERING (LUKE 2:35)

This is a prophetic statement of the sorrow Mary would feel in seeing her son die.

*John 19:25-27, "25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."*

*I Peter 2:8, "And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."*

### B. A PROPHECY OF SALVATION (LUKE 2:30-31)

*Isaiah 53:5-6, "5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

Christmas began in the heart of God, but it is only complete when it reaches the heart of a man.

*Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*