

Reflection Questions: Do I live expectantly? Do I expect God to fulfill His promises? If God were to withdraw His Holy Spirit from me (which He won't), would I even notice? How can I be a *light of revelation* to those I come in contact with this week?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Luke 2:25-35

Sermon
Words

December 20, 2020

1. Simeon

Quotes to Ponder

He's our Savior ... Receive Him
He's our Shepherd ... Follow Him
He's our King ... Serve Him
He's our Lord ... Trust Him
He's our Christ ... Worship Him
He's our Life ... Enjoy Him
Anonymous

If they (Simeon and Anna), with so few helps and so many discouragements, lived such a life of faith, how much more ought we with a finished Bible and a full gospel. Let us strive, like them, to walk by faith and look forward.

J.C. Ryle

Those who imagine themselves to be strong and high, who rely on their own merit and power, will come to woeful ruin and undoing, because in their pride they do not realize their own need and doom and do not take refuge in Christ. But the humble ones, those who bend low at His feet with confession of sin and faith in Him, will be raised up by His mighty arm to eternal life.

Norval Geldenhuys

All his life Simeon had known the promises of God, and he waited for God to do what He had promised to do. Day after day. Week after week. Month after month. Year after year... he waited. He watched. He prayed. He hoped. He trusted.

Christopher Ash

2. Simeon's Expectations

3. Simeon's Prophecies

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read *Luke 2:21-40*. What five things did Joseph and Mary do for their Son in accordance with God's law?

3. In *Luke 2:29*, Simeon's godly desires had been fulfilled. What do the following verses say about *desires*? What condition is given with each of these promises?

Psalms 34:10 —

Psalms 84:11 —

Psalms 37:4 —

Proverbs 10:24 —

4. What is *the consolation of Israel* (*Luke 2:25*)? What do the following verses from *Isaiah* add to your understanding?

Isaiah 40:1, 10 —

Isaiah 54:11 —

Isaiah 49:8-13 —

Isaiah 57:18 —

Isaiah 51:3, 12 —

Isaiah 61:1-2 —

Isaiah 52:9 —

Isaiah 66:10-13 —

5. Why would a *righteous and devout* man need salvation (*Luke 2:25*)?

6. In what ways did the Holy Spirit work in Simeon's heart and life (*Luke 2:25-27*)?

7. What did Simeon's song make clear that went beyond what the songs of Mary, Zechariah, and the angels said?

8. How did Simeon see God's *salvation* (*Luke 2:30*)? What does this mean?

9. How is Jesus *a light of revelation to the Gentiles* (*Luke 2:32*)?

10. How is Jesus *the glory of Your people Israel* (*Luke 2:32*)?

11. What implications does Simeon's declaration in *Luke 2:29-32* have on sharing the gospel?

12. Why were Joseph and Mary *amazed at the things* Simeon said about their Son (*Luke 2:33*)?

13. What did Simeon mean in *Luke 2:34-35* when he said:
...this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel?

...this Child is appointed ... for a sign to be opposed?

...this Child is appointed ... to the end that thoughts from many hearts will be revealed?

14. What words did Simeon have specifically for Mary (*Luke 2:35*)? Why were these words directed to Mary and not to Joseph?

How were these words fulfilled in Mary's life?