

Simeon's Prophecy: Jesus' Life and Fate Foretold

Luke 02: 22-35

1 *The unexpected observance of the legal ceremonies*

- a. Circumcision
- b. Purification after childbirth
- c. Dedication to the Lord

2 *The deliberate choice of God to have a poor family bear His Son*

1 *Simeon, a man who walked close to God*

- a. A man who was righteous and devout
- b. A man who looked for the Messiah
- c. A man who was led by the Holy Spirit
- d. A man who was given an unusual promise
- e. A man who saw and held the Messiah

2 *The child was God's salvation*

- a. The source of peace
- b. The One appointed to be God's salvation
- c. The One prepared for all people
- d. The light to unbelievers
- e. The glory to believers
- f. The parents marvelled at the predictions

22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

23 (As it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),

24 And to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 Which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him.

3 *The child was to cause
the rise and fall of many*

4 *The child's fate was sealed*

- a. His fate:
To be opposed and put to death
- b. His purpose:
To reveal the inner thoughts
of man's heart

34 Then Simeon blessed them
and said to Mary, his mother:
“This child is destined to cause
the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

35 So that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.
And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”