

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.

<p>3 <i>The child was to cause the rise and fall of many</i></p> <p>4 <i>The child's fate was sealed</i></p> <p>a. His fate: To be opposed and put to death</p> <p>b. His purpose: To reveal the inner thoughts of man's heart</p>	<p>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,</p> <p>35 So that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."</p>
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Anna's Praise: The Child Jesus is Praised by a Prophetess
Luke 02: 36-38

<p>1 <i>She was a prophetess</i></p> <p>2 <i>She never lost hope over many, many years</i></p> <p>3 <i>She never grew bitter in the face of sorrow</i></p> <p>4 <i>She never ceased to worship - night and day</i></p> <p>5 <i>She knew the child instantly and gave thanks</i></p> <p>6 <i>She shared the message with all believers</i></p>	<p>36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,</p> <p>37 And then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.</p> <p>38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.</p>
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Jesus' Growth as a Child
Luke 02: 39-40

<p>1 <i>He was led by His parents to fulfill all the law</i></p> <p>2 <i>He was reared in Nazareth</i></p> <p>3 <i>He grew as a child: Physically, spiritually and mentally</i></p> <p>4 <i>He possessed God's grace</i></p>	<p>39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.</p> <p>40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.</p>
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