



Title | Simeon's Song
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 2:22-35
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Sermon Notes

Luke 2:22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." *ESV*

Big Idea:

Luke 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 2:22-35. From verse 25, how is Simeon described? In this context, what does it mean to wait for something? What is the connection between “waiting” and being “righteous” and “devout” and having the Spirit “upon him”?

Tuesday:

Read Luke 2:25-26. What was Simeon waiting for? The term, “consolation” describes an encouragement or comfort, especially in time of trouble. For Simeon, what is the encouragement? What is the trouble (implied by the historical context of God’s silence for 400 years leading to Simeon)?

Wednesday:

Read Luke 2:27-32. From this passage, what do we learn about Jesus? How does this help us wait for him today?

Thursday:

Read Luke 2:33-35. From this passage, what do we learn about Jesus? How does this help us wait for him today?

Friday:

Read 2 Peter 3:9-14. Note the number of times waiting is mentioned. According to this passage, how should believers in Jesus be waiting?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, as a child waits for Christmas every year, so help me to wait for you every day, expectantly, eagerly, joyfully. Amen.

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