

God's Salvation Story: Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:25-38



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- They were not famous but they were faithful to God
- And God allowed them to see salvation



**I. Are you
Moved by the
Holy Spirit?**



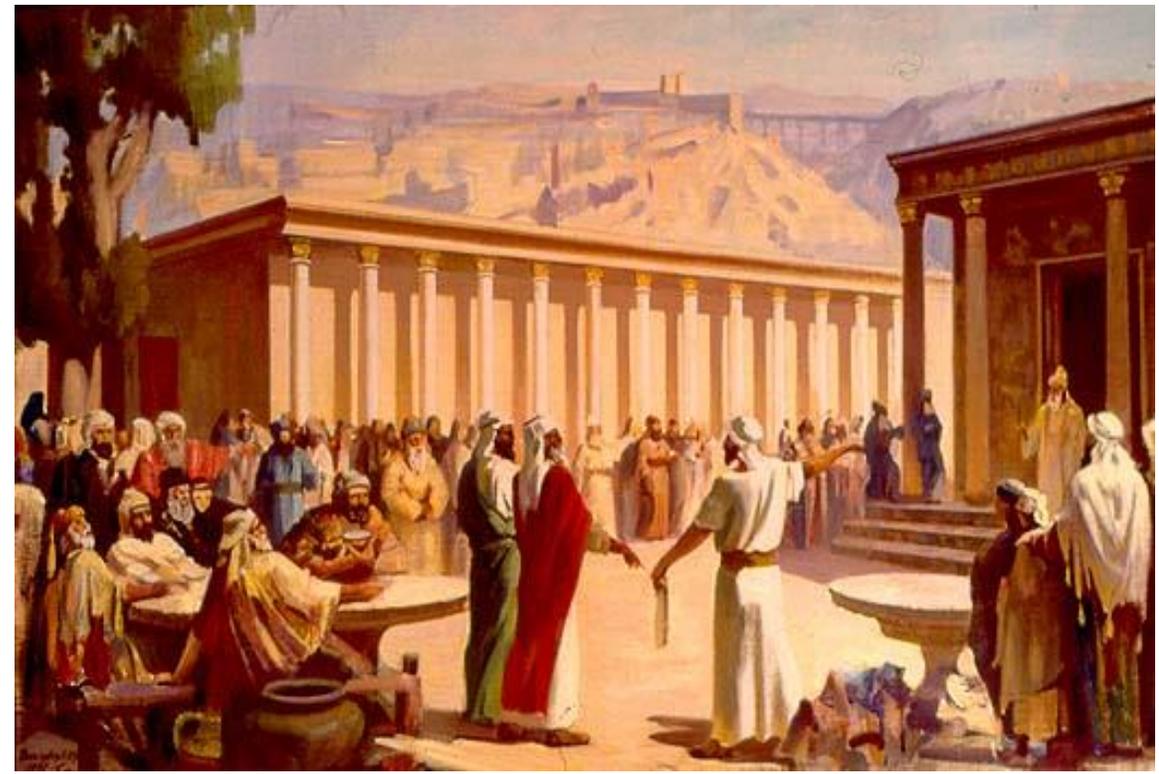
- Simeon was a righteous and devout man
- *Righteous*-right living, followed the Word of God
- *Devout*-devoted to God, he took his relationship with the Lord seriously



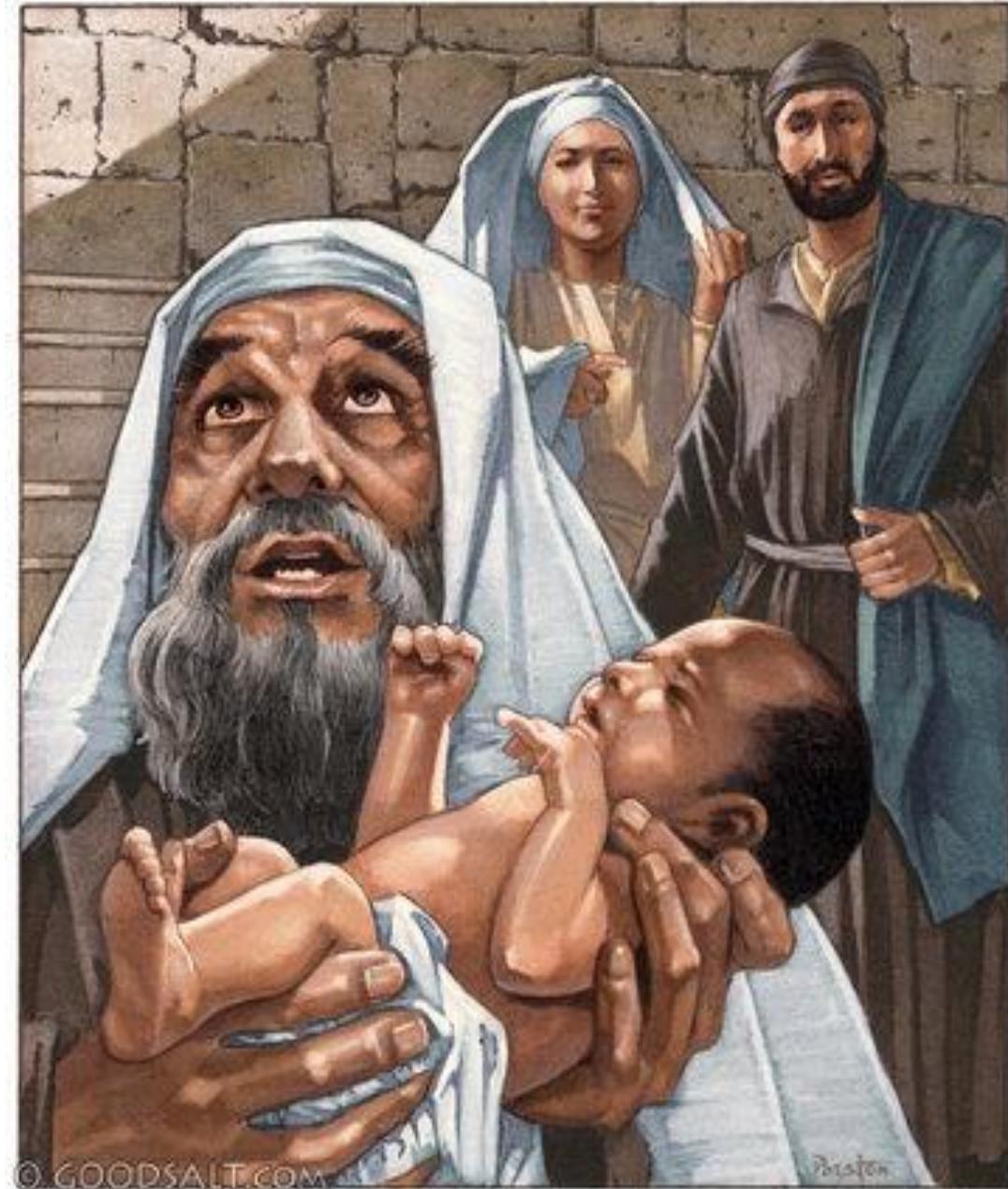
- The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he had seen Christ. This is what all Jews had been waiting for since Abraham
- God gave Abraham a promise that he would be a blessing to the nations
- Jesus was the blessing



- Simeon listened to the Holy Spirit, he heard, he obeyed and he went
- From vs. 27 it sounds like he went to the temple courts and waited
- This was a huge courtyard, it was busy, 100s and 1000s of people



- Taking the baby Jesus into his arms, Simeon's life mission was complete, he praised God that the day had finally come
- Joseph and Mary were surprised, "they marveled" they were amazed



II. Are your Expectations Correct?



“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

- Wrapped up in this little baby was the hope of all mankind
- This child was to be the Savior of the *whole world*
- Not just Israel, not America, not Europe, **ALL PEOPLE!**



- All that Simeon said came true
- His life was summed up in 5 minutes and now
- Simeon could die in peace
- Knowing that the Savior came to earth



III. Are You Giving Thanks to God?



- Her name was Anna, a widow 84 years old
- She considered her job to be worshipping God
- That's what she did, she was at the temple night and day



- While Simeon was speaking about Jesus she came
- And she praised God for this child Jesus
- Anna was a prophetess, one who spoke for God
- And she began to tell others about Jesus



- The child that would become a man and be the Savior
- Jesus would die on a cross just outside of Jerusalem
- Jesus would take the sins of the world upon himself



- ❖ ***Simeon and Anna celebrated the ultimate Christmas***
- ❖ There were no presents or Christmas trees
 - ❖ There was only the baby **Jesus**
- ❖ I don't know what you were expecting for
Christmas this year
- ❖ Maybe this is your 1st Christmas to think
about **Jesus**
- ❖ I invite you to give **Jesus** praise for being
the **Savior**

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the
glory of your people Israel

luz que ilumina a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo Israel

Nuru ya kuwa mwangaza wa Mataifa, Na kuwa utukufu wa
watu wako Israeli

这救恩是启示外族人的光,也是你以色列子民的荣耀

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And God allowed them to see salvation
Simeon and Anna prophesied about Jesus and praised Jesus
They had a great 1st Christmas

I. Are you Moved by the Holy Spirit? Vss. 25-27

Simeon was a righteous and devout man
Righteous-right living, followed the Word of God
Devout-devoted to God, he took his relationship with the Lord seriously
Waiting for Consolation of Israel-also means encouragement,
comfort, calling
These were sad times for the Israelites, they were under Roman rule
They needed some encouragement and comfort, they needed the Messiah
The Holy Spirit was upon Him-
the Holy Spirit is talked about here and there in the Old Testament
But it wasn't common; this was a special gift to Simeon
With the coming of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was for all who
put their faith in Jesus
The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he had seen
Christ. This is what all Jews had been waiting for since Abraham
God gave Abraham a promise that he would be a blessing to the nations
Jesus was the blessing
And Simeon was about to see that blessing
He would experience the 1st Christmas
So he hung on, knowing that his life had purpose
That morning, *moved by the Holy Spirit* controlled or
persuaded by the Holy Spirit
He was obedient to what God's Spirit was telling him,
Sometimes the Holy Spirit may say, "go and help that person"
After you have been obeying the Holy Spirit for years, when you are
moved by the Holy Spirit it becomes 2nd nature,
it is a part of you to do the Lord's will

The question is: have you listened? Are you listening to his voice?
Simeon listened to the Holy Spirit., he heard, he obeyed and he went
From vs. 27 it sounds like he went to the temple courts and waited
This was a huge courtyard, it was busy, 100s and 1000s of people
There, off to the side, this old man waited till the Holy Spirit said
something like, "*That young couple right there*"

I see an old man just about running up to the young couple
"O what a beautiful baby boy, may I hold him?"

Taking the baby Jesus into his arms, Simeon's life mission was
complete, he praised God that the day had finally come
Joseph and Mary were surprised, "they marveled" they were amazed
But putting it all together, it made sense, God gave them Jesus
This wasn't just a crazy old man talking about a baby

II. Are your Expectations Correct? Vss. 28-35

This was a prophet directed by God to tell them about Jesus
His prophecy went like this:

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss
your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."*

Simeon's life purpose was complete, he could now die
He had seen the Savior with his own eyes, he had seen salvation
Wrapped up in this little baby was the hope of all mankind
This child was to be the Savior of the *whole world*
Not just Israel, not America, not Europe, ALL PEOPLE!
Then Simeon addressed Mary, directed by the Holy Spirit
She saw the people that followed Jesus; she saw the miracles
that He did

She heard how the teachings of Jesus divided people
Did Mary know that her child would become
the most important man in all of history?
Her child would be the Savior of the world
She didn't realize that Jesus had to go to the cross
But she would see it,

Her son hanging on a cross to save people from their sins
She would also see him rise from the dead on the 3rd day
To show that he had victory over sin and death
All that Simeon said came true
His life was summed up in 5 minutes and now
Simeon could die in peace
Knowing that the Savior came to earth
His expectations were fulfilled
What a great testimony for the baby Jesus to the parents
But that wasn't all, at that very moment
While Simeon was speaking, someone else came
An old woman would testify about this baby

III. Are You Giving Thanks to God? Vss. 36-38

There was someone else at the temple that day
Her name was Anna, a widow 84 years old
Of the tribe of Asher, not a well known tribe
Of the 10 northern tribes a few came to Jerusalem
They left the 10 tribes that worshipped idols
And they came to Jerusalem to worship God
She had been a widow for years
She considered her job to be worshipping God
That's what she did, she was at the temple night and day
The idea is that she really was at the temple night and day
Maybe she lived closeby, and so people knew Anna
She was a devoted follower of God
People knew her because she was there every day
God spoke to her that day
A woman that was close to God fasting and praying

Fasting means that she would not eat, but prayed instead
Anna was devoted to God
While Simeon was speaking about Jesus she came
And she praised God for this child Jesus
Anna was a prophetess, one who spoke for God
And she began to tell others about Jesus
People who would hear about the redemption of Jerusalem
Redemption means to redeem, to save
This is the child that will save Jerusalem
The child that would become a man and be the Savior
Jesus would die on a cross just outside of Jerusalem
Jesus would take the sins of the world upon himself
He would pay the price of death for my sins and yours
And then rise from the dead to offer you and me the gift of eternal life
By asking God to forgive you of your sins and believing that Jesus died
and rose again for your sins, you can be saved.
You can become a child of God and go to heaven one day

For Mary and Joseph they are hearing strangers testify about Jesus
8 days earlier, some shepherds came in the middle of the night
They wanted to see the Savior child
Angels had told them and they had to see the Savior
Simeon and Anna spoke about Jesus
And Wise men would also come and praise Jesus and give gifts
Simeon and Anna celebrated the ultimate Christmas
There were no presents of Christmas trees
There was only the baby Jesus
I don't know what you were expecting for Christmas this year
Maybe this is your 1st Christmas to think about Jesus
I invite you to give Jesus praise for being the Savior