



**DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?
LUKE 2:22-35 | A CALL TO HOPE**
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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 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 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. 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. 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

*"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."*

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." – Luke 2:22-35

Who is Simeon?

A Model of Faithfulness (v. 25-26)

1. Righteous (v. 25)

- Equitable in character. Approved by God. Just in God's eyes. It's a word that speaks of measurement to God's standards.
- This word is used for Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:6) as well as Cornelius. (Acts 10:22)
- The main idea is a life marked by obedience, humility, and courageous faith.



2. Devout (v. 25)

- This word can be translated reverent, pious, or God fearing.
- In first century, Judaism, "devout" was a valued designation for those who adhered carefully to the law, practiced prayer, and observed festival.
- It describes someone who is careful in worship, conscientious in obedience, and sincere in affection toward God.
- The main idea is a life shaped by holy awe. Someone who takes hold of what is good.

3. Waiting for the Consolation of Israel (v .25)

- The text says Simeon was "waiting." Other words we could put in its place would be receive, welcome, expect, or await.
- The biblical idea of waiting is never passive resignation. It's watchful hope and ready reception.
- "[Faith] is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods."
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. – Hebrews 11:1

4. The Holy Spirit Was Upon Him (v. 25)

A Call To Hope (v. 27-32)

- Peace
- Salvation
- Light
- Glory

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. – Psalm 27:1-4

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! – Psalm 27:13-14

A Warning Of Division (v. 33-35)

The Lord's Supper: The Song Still Being Sung