

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Our Lord Jesus, being made of a woman, was made under the law.

He was not only, as the son of a daughter of Adam, made under the law of nature, but as the son of a daughter of Abraham was made under the law of Moses; he put his neck under that heavy yoke.

Christ submitted to it, that he might with the better grace cancel it, and set it aside for us.

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The Gospel of **LUKE**

Lesson 6

Chapter Two - Verses 21-35

Temple Visit

Chapter 2, Verses 21-24 - The baby Jesus is brought to the Temple.

1. Eight days after His birth, the Child was officially named **Jesus**, the same name given by the Angel before he was conceived.
2. Eight days after His birth, Jesus was also **circumcised** according to Jewish law.
3. God's Law said that 40 days after the birth of a son, the mother was ceremonially unclean and could not **enter** the Temple.
4. When the 40 days of purification were finished, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to give Him **back** to God.
5. God's Law said that every first-born baby boy **belonged** to the Lord.
6. God's Law also said that parents had to offer a **sacrifice**, giving at least a pair of doves or two young pigeons.



Circumcision symbolized the Jews' **separation** from the world and their special relationship with God.



A firstborn son was presented to God one month after birth. Then the parents **bought** back the child from God through an offering.



Jewish families went through several ceremonies soon after a baby's birth. Jesus was God's Son, but his family carried out these ceremonies according to God's law. Jesus was not born above the law; instead, he **lived** it perfectly.

Simeon Sees

Chapter 2, Verses 25-27 - Simeon lives to see the baby Jesus.

1. Simeon was a man who **truly** loved God and he had God's **power**.
2. Simeon was a man who was **waiting** for the coming of the Messiah.
3. Simeon was **told** by the Holy Spirit that he would not **die** until he saw Jesus.
4. Simeon was **led** by the Holy Spirit to the Temple on the **same** day that Mary and Joseph were dedicating Jesus to God.



The Bible tells us that Simeon waited for God's promise and we should do the **same**; by desiring His coming, and hoping for it with patience.



Simeon found Jesus in the Temple. If you are looking for Jesus, the house of God is a good place to **find** Him.

Simeon's Prophecy

Chapter 2, Verses 28-35 - Simeon meets the baby Jesus in the Temple.

1. Simeon takes the baby Jesus in his arms and begins to [sing](#) a prophetic song.
2. Simeon said that he can die in [peace](#) because he has seen Jesus the one who will save.
3. Simeon said that Jesus was chosen by God to make salvation available to [all](#) different types of people.
4. Simeon said that the birth of Jesus is God [showing](#) himself to the non-Jewish nations.
5. Simeon said that Jesus also came to bring praise and honor and glory to the [nation](#) Israel.
6. Mary and Joseph were [speechless](#) and surprised at the things Simeon was saying.
7. Simeon prayed for Mary and Joseph, that God would [bless](#) them.
8. Simeon said that Jesus will [remove](#) the neutral ground; people will either joyfully accept Jesus or totally reject Jesus.
9. Simeon said that many people will [oppose](#) Jesus and His work.
10. Simeon said that the sufferings of Jesus will cause Mary to [suffer](#) also.
11. Simeon said that Jesus will [reveal](#) the secret thoughts and purposes of many people.



After he had seen the baby Jesus, Simeon was ready to go [home](#) to be with the Lord. In the life of a Christian, death should not be a [fearful](#) thing, but a [peaceful](#) departure to a better place.



God promised Simeon that he would see His Son; and when God directed Simeon to the Temple to see the baby Jesus; it is another small indicator that God will always keep His [promise](#).



God led Simeon to meet Mary, Joseph and Jesus. We should always remember that nothing happens by [chance](#) and the people we meet, could be people God has placed in our lives for a [purpose](#).



Simeon told Mary that she would suffer because of the things that would happen to her Son. In the midst of our joys; it is important for us to remember that [bonds](#) and [afflictions](#) will always be with us.



Simeon was a very old man, but he was still led by the Spirit and used by God to bear witness of Jesus. In our world the older generation is often [ignored](#). We as Christians should encourage older Christians to [share](#) their experiences and we should [listen](#) carefully when they speak.

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Men will be judged of by the thoughts of their hearts, their thoughts concerning Christ; are they for him, or are they for his adversaries? The word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and by it we are discovered to ourselves, and shall be judged hereafter.

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Simeon was a true prophet. He was not prophets in the sense of future telling or fortune telling. Prophecy is forthtelling. You speak forth for God to a person or a nation about that person's or that nation's unrighteousness and about those things they might do to be faithful and obedient. The true prophet speaks to us of our sins, our false values and our unloving behavior.

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