

Series: Songs of the Season; *Sermon:* **Simeon's Song**

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Bible text explored: Luke 2:22-35

²²And 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") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he 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; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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]

Review and application:

1. When (*Luke 2:21*) was the infant named, as the angel had earlier instructed?
2. Why (*vv. 22-24*) did a month pass before he could be offered to God at the Temple? (See *Lev. 12:4*.)
What instructions were Jesus' mother and legal father carefully obeying? (See *Lev. 12:6-8*.)
3. What (*vv. 25-26*) led Simeon to anticipate the rescue the Messiah would bring?
What prompted (*v. 27*) his arrival at the Temple courts at the right moment?
What happened (*v.28 and 33*) that astonished the young parents?
4. How did Simeon's words (*vv. 29-30*) express his sense of relief for fulfillment of a long-held desire?
5. What is the significance (*v. 31*) of Simeon's choice of a plural form of *people*, a word whose sense is already plural?
What two people groups (*v. 32*) were specified?
Since this encounter took place in the Jewish Temple courts, what makes this a surprising mission statement?
6. What (*vv.34-35*) would the conflict surrounding Mary's child reveal?
What does our response to the incarnation of a Savior reveal about . . .
. . . whether we really embrace his mission locally?
. . . whether we really embrace it globally?