

Tuesday, November 30

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1. What does it mean that Simeon was “righteous and devout”?
2. Is there anyone you know whom you would describe in that way?
3. What does it mean that he was “waiting for the consolation of Israel”?
4. In what way was Christ to be their consolation?
5. How many of God’s people do you think had given up on that promise at that time?
6. To what degree do you think a true heart for God is marked by having a true heart for the people of God and their future?
7. What would a righteous and devout person be waiting for today?
8. Why do you think God promised Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Lord’s Christ?
9. On a scale of 1-10, to what degree is your walk with the Lord like that of Simeon?

KTFK: his grace / his people, / also love / under the / and long / Lord our / to all / Those who / to bring / love the / for God / steeple. / God will

Song: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer: “Lord, far too often it seems that those who profess the greatest devotion to you aren’t terribly concerned about the true good of your people. Help me to love you in such a way that with all my heart I long, and I work, for the fullness of your kingdom to come to all those you have called to yourself. Amen.”

Wednesday, December 1

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1. In how many different ways did this little baby, Jesus, embody hope for God’s people?
2. How is hope related to peace?
3. In what way does each believer receive a Simeon moment?
 - A. Are we also given the gift of being able to depart in peace?
 - B. Is it for the same reason as Simeon?
4. Does Simeon believe that this gift is only for the people of Israel or for others, too?
5. Who else then, besides God’s current people, does Simeon seem to have a heart for?

6. To what degree do you share that heartfelt longing with him, not only deeply loving the current people of God, but also desiring those outside to be brought in?
7. To what degree do you think Simeon’s heart mirrors the heart of God in these things?

KTFK: in peace / our God / ourselves have / who in / when we / We too / salvation of / can depart / us clean. / seen, the / Christ makes

Song: “Silent Night”

Prayer: “Lord God, there is only one thing that allows us to depart this life in peace. It is the certain hope of having seen your salvation in Jesus. I praise you for that unspeakable gift, and I pray for all those in my life, that they too may share in this amazing grace. Amen.”

Thursday, December 2

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1. What do you think it means that Jesus was appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel?
 - A. Who would be falling?
 - B. Who would be rising?
2. What kind of sign was Jesus?
 - A. Why would a sign like Jesus be opposed?
 - B. Who would oppose it?
3. How would Jesus reveal the thoughts of many hearts?
 - A. What thoughts has he revealed in you?
4. How would a sword pierce the heart of Mary?

KTFK: soon to / to all / to reveal / Jesus entered / he was / Everything was / sin. / in, for / of their / change when / the secrets

Song: “Mary Did You Know”

Prayer: “Lord, how true it is that the coming of Christ changed everything, both inside and outside of Israel. I thank you for the redeeming work that he has brought. Even though it exposes the secrets thoughts of every heart, it does so in order to bring me and many others to the salvation of our true sin. Help me to always stand on the side of those who stand with the real Jesus. Amen.”

Friday, December 3

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³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

1. Who was Anna's true love?
2. How did this reveal itself both before and after she had been married?
3. How do you think it revealed itself while she was married?
4. How do you think her husband felt knowing that God was her true love?
5. It must have been very hard for her to lose her husband so early in life. Why do you think she never remarried?
6. Would it have been wrong for her to remarry?
7. How does Anna live out what Paul writes about in I Corinthians 7:32-35?
8. How are you seeking, or how have you sought, to live out Paul's words in your life?

KTFK: us all / Let us / that make / on what / feel stressed. / be overwhelmed / set our / him best, / heart's desire / by things / and not / will serve

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayer: "Lord, what a great example of devotion to you Anna is. I ask that you would help me in all the decisions I make, from now until the end of my life, to direct my life in ways that help me serve you above all. Amen."

Saturday, December 4

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Nov 29 - When we / trust that / he will / truly take / care of / our needs, / we can / follow faithfully / in all / the ways / he leads.

Nov 30 - Those who / love the / Lord our / God will / also love / his people, / and long / for God / to bring / his grace / to all / under the / people.

Dec 1 - We too / can depart / in peace / when we / ourselves have / seen, the / salvation of / our God / who in / Christ makes / us clean.

Dec 2 - Everything was / soon to / change when / Jesus entered / in, for / he was / to reveal / to all / the secrets / of their / sin.

Dec 3 - Let us / set our / heart's desire / on what / will serve / him best, / and not / be overwhelmed / by things / that make / us all / feel stressed.

Family Worship 2021
November 29 - December 4
Advent Week 2 - Hope
Luke 2:22-38

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily **KTFK - Key Thought for Kids** (Answers on back page)

Monday, November 29

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1. Read Leviticus 12:1-8.
2. How many days after the birth of Jesus did these events take place?
3. What does the description here of the sacrifice that Joseph and Mary took when they presented Jesus tell us about their financial situation?
4. Why do you think God would entrust his Son to a young couple like this that was so poor that they could not afford a lamb?
5. What does this tell us about what is important to God?
6. Does the knowledge that Joseph and Mary were this poor as they were beginning their family make you fear that Jesus might not have had all his needs supplied? Why or why not?
7. Are you able to trust in God's ability to supply all your needs as much as you are confident that he would have supplied all of theirs?

KTFK: care of / he leads. / he will / we can / When we / the ways / our needs, / truly take / in all / follow faithfully / trust that

Song: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Prayer: "Lord God, forgive me when I think first of the things of this world – even the things that I need for life. Help me, rather, to think first, and be most concerned with, my dedication to you in each area of my life, that I might not only form my children by my example but form my own heart to truly have its treasure in heaven. Amen."