

DAY 4 Read Luke 2:36-38 focusing on Ann the Prophetess.

From this description, what do you know about Anna? What does she add or affirm about Jesus to Joseph & Mary? Why do you think Luke picked Anna for his Gospel here – why is she important to the readers & you? Do a Fast today.

DAY 5 Read Luke 12:35-37 focusing on Your Own Readiness for Action.

Who is talking here, to whom is he talking, and what is he asking them to do? How does this apply to you as a follower of Jesus? Read 1Pet.1:13 in the Amplified Version and 2Pet.3:14 and make a personal application. Pray for Alertness to God's direction and Jesus' Return.



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Part 12

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"Simeon's Song: Salvation is Here" Luke 2:25-35

"Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Luke 2:28-32 NLT

3 Sayings from Simeon in Light of His Coming

1. God rewards those who are faithfully patient in His process.

"At that time, there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah."

Luke 2:25-26 NLT

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come...” Luke 12:35-37 ESV

“So, prepare your minds for action, be completely sober [in spirit—steadfast, self-disciplined, spiritually and morally alert], fix your hope completely on the grace [of God] that is coming to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1Pet.1:13 AMP

2. God reveals salvation to those who sincerely seek Him.

“That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” Luke 2:27-32 NLT

“the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined.” Matt.4:16 NLT (Isa.9:1-2)

“For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!” Eph.5:8 NLT

3. God reassures the faithful that pain is part of His plan.

“Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.” Luke 2:33-35 NLT

“And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.” 2Pet.3:14 NLT

“So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1Pet.1:7 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Dec.27-Jan.1, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 2:25-26 focusing on Simeon’s Character.

Describe the key character qualities Luke brings out about Simeon here. What is he expecting God to do and how might you define his level of expectation or hope at this point in his life? What had God revealed to Simeon and how? What’s one thing you can apply to your own life from this? Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you today.

DAY 2 Read Luke 2:27-32 focusing on Simeon meeting Jesus.

How might you describe this meeting as a “divine encounter?” What does Simeon say about Jesus and what does this tell you about him and you? Simeon refers to Jesus as the Light – what’s so important about this statement about Jesus? How has Jesus revealed Himself as the Light to you and how does this translate into you being and/or sharing the light? Pray for more “Light” and shining the Light with greater intensity. (Eph.5:8; Phil.2:15)

DAY 3 Read Luke 2:33-35 focusing on Joseph & Mary’s Response.

What do you think Mary & Joseph are thinking & feeling about Simeon’s “blessing” on them? What do they need to be prepared for regarding their son, Jesus? How does all this connect with you as a parent or follower of Jesus? How have you experienced God preparing you for a challenge/struggle ahead? Pray for God’s grace for the journey of faith ahead. →