



The Wait is Over: Jesus and His Salvation

Luke 2:22-39

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The Big Idea: Simeon and Anna were two more faithful people who had lived their lives in confidence that God would one day send the Messiah and His salvation. In the story of Jesus' birth we are told that His life will lead to a particular kind of **death** that will be how the Father provides **salvation** to people.

LUKE 2:22-39 (ESV) ²² 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 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") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ 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.* ²⁶ 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.* ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ *he 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;

³⁰ *for my eyes have seen your salvation* ³¹ *that you have prepared* in the presence of *all peoples,*

³² *a light for revelation to the Gentiles,*
and *for glory to your people Israel.*"

³³ And his father and his mother *marveled* at what was said about him.

³⁴ 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* ³⁵ (and *a sword will pierce through your own soul also*), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

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.

Salvation Truths For All People

1. God has always used **all kinds** of people in the accomplishment of His purposes: young and old; city dwellers and country folk; rich and poor; men and women. What are **you** doing to serve the Lord?
2. The "**light**" we need to see God is Jesus. To see Jesus is to see God. To know Jesus is to know His salvation. To know salvation is to be at **peace** with God and to be prepared to **die**.
3. To **help** another person see and trust Jesus for salvation is to stand in the **Glory** of God.
4. To honestly examine Jesus and His claims on your life will demand a **choice** because He reveals the condition of the heart. You will either deny your need for Him or cry out for His mercy and forgiveness.
5. The Bible declares that "now is the day of salvation" [2 Corinthians 6:2]. In other words, the **past** is behind you – you have both gratitude and regrets about it. **Tomorrow** isn't here yet and you have no guarantee you'll see it. What you have is **now**! If you're going to repent of sin, believe in Christ, and trust Him for salvation, do it today. Do it now!

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John 1:12
