

Luke 2:21-35

What Simeon Saw

Who Was Simeon?

- At the time of Jesus' birth Jews saw their nation as God's chosen people destined for power and glory.
- From what is revealed of Simeon:
 - He was one of the "Quiet in the Land," expectantly waiting on God comfort – 2:25
 - He was righteous and devout, who the Spirit was upon, and was promised to see the Christ – 2:25-26
 - He was led by the Spirit to see Jesus and took him in his arms and praised God – 2:27-28; Lev. 12:1-8
 - This "Song of Simeon" speaks of the things God has done that he now saw.

What Simeon Saw

- Something great promised by God – Lk. 2:26, 29
 - It was so great that he could now depart this life in peace
 - Have you ever wondered what you could see that would do this for you?
- Salvation – Lk. 2:30
 - He saw it in a 40-day old baby Jesus
 - He saw it in a person – Mt. 1:21

What Simeon Saw

- Fulfillment of prophecy – Lk. 2:30-31
 - God had historically and providentially prepared the world
 - Saw in Jesus God's initial step to fulfill His prophecies – Isa. 40:1-5
- A Light of revelation to the Gentiles – Lk. 2:32
 - Prior to Christ the world lived in darkness
 - Christ would bring light to all the nations – Isa. 49:6
 - Christ shined this light upon the world – Jn. 1:1-5, 9
 - We are warned about our view of this light – Jn. 3:18-21

What Simeon Saw

- The glory of Israel – Lk. 2:32
 - Israel was glorified by Jesus, God's Son, being born a Jew.
 - Israel received glory by being the people by which God brought salvation to the world – Jn. 4:22
 - Israel squandered this glory to their own destruction.
- Simeon also saw a **blessing** and **warning** that should be heeded by all who are privileged to hear the gospel – Lk. 2:34-35