Come and See Jesus! Come and See, Pt. 3 Luke 2:22-40 December 18, 2022

Luke 2:25. Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Life Lessons From Simeon and Anna:

1. God Will Keep His PROMISES

Luke 2:25, Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

<u>Galatians 4:4</u>, But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

2. God's Spirit Moves Us to HIS HOUSE

<u>Luke 2:27</u>, <u>Moved by the Spirit</u>, he went into the temple courts.

Ephesians 5:15, Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Salvation Is Always PERSONAL

Luke 2:27, ...When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 <u>Simeon took him in his arms</u> and praised God, saying: John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

4. Salvation Is Available to ALL PEOPLE

Luke 2:29, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of <u>all nations</u>: 32 <u>a light for revelation to the Gentiles</u>, and the glory of your people Israel."

Romans 1:16, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

5. You Are Never Too Old to SERVE GOD

Luke 2:36, There was also a prophet, <u>Anna</u>, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. <u>She was very old</u>; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

6. We Should be Open About Our FAITH

<u>Luke 2:38</u>, Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and <u>spoke about the child to all</u> who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<u>2 Peter 3:9</u>, The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.