

Learning from Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:22-40

The People of Christmas

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Introduction

Luke 2:22-40 - Simeon and Anna

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.

(See verses 36-37 about Anna)

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."

(See verse 38 for what Anna said about Jesus)

Main Idea: Simeon and Anna show us how God uses devout and righteous people to reveal His heavenly purposes.

3 Steps For Devout People To Be Used By God To Reveal His Heavenly Purposes

1. Walk closely with the Lord like Simeon and Anna.
2. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit like Simeon and Anna.
3. Tell people who Jesus is and what He came to do like Simeon and Anna.

My Response: _____
