

# Simeon's *Priceless* Gift

## A Jewish "Christmas" Story

(Luke 2:25-35)

### A. Simeon's *Pious Character* (2:25)

<sup>25</sup> And there was a man in **Jerusalem** whose name was **Simeon**;  
and this man was **righteous** and **devout**,  
looking for the **consolation** of Israel;  
and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him.

### B. Simeon's *Promise from God* (2:26)

<sup>26</sup> And it had been **revealed** to him by the **Holy Spirit**  
that he would **not see death** before he had **seen** the **Lord's Messiah**.

### C. Simeon's *Priceless Gift* (2:27-32)

<sup>27</sup> And he came **in the Spirit** into the **temple**;  
and when the **parents** brought in the **child Jesus**,  
to carry out for **Him** the **custom** of the **Law**,

<sup>28</sup> then **he took Him** into **his arms**, and **blessed God**, and said,

<sup>29</sup> "**Now Lord, You** are **releasing**  
Your **bond-servant** to **depart in peace**,  
According to **Your word**;

<sup>30</sup> For **my eyes** have **seen Your salvation**,

<sup>31</sup> Which **You** have **prepared** in the **presence** of **all peoples**,

<sup>32</sup> A **LIGHT OF REVELATION** TO THE **GENTILES**,

And the **glory** of **Your people Israel**."

### D. Simeon's *Prophetic Announcement* (2:33-35)2:25)

<sup>33</sup> And **His father** and **mother** were **amazed** at the things  
which were being said **about Him**.

<sup>34</sup> And **Simeon blessed them** and said to **Mary His mother**,

"Behold, **this Child** is **appointed** for the **fall** and **rise** of many in Israel,  
and for a **sign** to be **opposed**—

<sup>35</sup> and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

## Message Summary **Simeon’s Priceless Gift→** To *See* and **Behold** the **Messianic Hope**

1. To *See* Him who would be the “Consolation” of Israel (2:25)
2. To *See* the Lord’s “Anointed” (the Messiah) (2:26)
3. To *See* Him who would be the Salvation of God (2:30)
  - a. *Who* was “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (2:31)
  - b. *Who* would be “A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES” (2:32a) (Isaiah 49:6)
  - c. *Who* was the “glory” of the people of Israel (2:32b) (Isaiah 60:1-3)
4. To *See* Him who would be **Appointed** for the “fall and rise” of *many* in Israel (2:34)
  - a. *Appointed* as a “Sign” that would be opposed (2:34b)
  - b. *Appointed* as a “Sword,” that would pierce the *soul* of **Mary**, and reveal the thoughts from many hearts (2:35)
5. To *See* Him who would allow **Simeon**, the Lord’s bondservant, to now “depart in peace” (2:29)

## Personal Application *Reflecting* on the **Life of Simeon—** A Life “**Well-Lived,**”

- A. *Simeon* lived as a righteous and devout man (2:25a).  
*We also* should live as **righteous** and **godly men, and women**.

But the **path** of the righteous is like the **light of dawn**,  
That **shines brighter** and **brighter** until the **full day**. (Proverbs 4:18)

When the **whirlwind** passes, the **wicked** is **no more**,  
But the **righteous** has an **everlasting** foundation. (Proverbs 10:25)

In the **way of righteousness** is **life**,  
And in *its* **pathway** there is **no death**. (Proverbs 12:28)

B. **Simeon** was **taught** and **led** by the **Holy Spirit** (2:25-27). **We also**  
are to be **taught** and **led** by the **Spirit** whom **we have** from **God**.

But the **Helper**, the **Holy Spirit**,  
whom the **Father** will **send** in **My name**,  
**He will teach** you all things,  
and bring to your **remembrance** all that **I said** to you. (John 14:26)

For **all** who are being **led** by the **Spirit of God**,  
these are **sons of God**. (Romans 8:14)

C. **Simeon** walked in **hope**, **looking** for the “**consolation**” of **Israel**,  
(the **Messiah**) (2:25b). **We also** are to **walk** in **hope** of a future  
**consolation** as we **look** to the **return** of the **Messiah**.

For the **grace of God** has **appeared**, bringing **salvation** to **all men**,  
**instructing us** to **deny ungodliness** and **worldly desires**  
and to live **sensibly**, **righteously** and **godly** in the **present age**,

**looking** for the **blessed hope** and the **appearing**  
of the **glory** of our **great God and Savior, Messiah Jesus**, (Titus 2:11-13)

D. **Simeon** **blessed God** as he **saw**, and even **held** in his **arms** what  
he **believed** to be the “**salvation**” of **God** (2:28, 30). He also  
**declared** this **child** to be:

1. The “**consolation** of **Israel**” (2:25b)
2. The **Lord’s** “**Anointed**” (**Messiah**) (2:26)
3. The “**LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**” (2:32a)
4. The **glory** of the **people of Israel** (2:32)

**We also** have been **blessed** to “**see**” the **salvation** of **God** in the  
**Person** of **His Son, Yeshua**.

“For **God** did not **send the Son** into the world to **judge** the world,  
but that the **world** might be **saved through Him** (John 1:17).”

- E. *Simeon* had been given **prophetic insight** regarding the **child Yeshua**, and declared to **Mary** that **He** was “**appointed** for the **fall** and **rise** of many in **Israel**, (2:34b).”

*We also*, along with declaring the **good news** of **salvation** in **Messiah**, carry a **prophetic warning** regarding the “**fall** and **rise**” of **those** who would either *reject* or *receive* **His** **salvation**.

“,.. let it be **known** to **all** of you and to **all** the **people of Israel**,  
that by the **name** of **Jesus Messiah the Nazarene**,..  
this **man** stands here before you in **good health**..”

And there is **salvation** in **no one else**; for there is **no other name** under **heaven** that has been **given** among **men** by which **we must be saved**.” (Acts 4:10, 12)

- F. *Simeon* the **Lord’s bondservant**, having *seen* the **Lord’s Messiah**, could *now* “**depart in peace** (2:29).”

*We also*, having “**seen**” and **understood**, and having **believed** in **Jesus** as our **Savior and Lord**, can truly “**depart in peace**” when our **sojourn** in this **world** ends.

**Jesus** said to her (**Martha**),  
“**I am the resurrection** and the **life**;  
he who **believes in Me** will **live** even if he **dies**,

and everyone who **lives** and **believes in Me** will **never die**.  
**Do you believe this?**” (John 11:25-26)

Now may our **Lord Jesus the Messiah Himself** and **God our Father**,  
who has **loved us** and **given us eternal comfort**  
and **good hope** by **grace**,  
**comfort** and **strengthen** your **hearts**  
in every **good work** and **word**. (II Thessalonians 2:16-17)

## Closing Comments