Simeon's ***Priceless*** Gift
A **Jewish "Christmas"** Story
(Luke 2:25-35)

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

[25] 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)

[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 Messiah**.

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

[27] 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,**

[28] then **he took Him** into **his arms**, and **blessed God**, and said,

[29] "**Now Lord**, **You** are ***releasing***
Your **bond-servant** to **depart in peace**,
According to **Your word**;

[30] For **my eyes** have **seen Your salvation**,
[31] Which **You** have **prepared** in the **presence** of **all peoples**,

[32] A **LIGHT OF REVELATION** TO THE ***GENTILES***,

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

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

[33] And **His father** and **mother** were ***amazed*** at the things
which were being said **about Him**.

[34] 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***—

[35] 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