

Simeon And Anna

Luke 2:21-40

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Unit 6 Lesson 4

Supplemental Texts

Lev 12; Luke 2:1-20

Focus Verse

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” – Luke 2:40

Introduction

The divine providence of God was evidently demonstrated from the moment angel Gabriel foretold of the birth of Jesus to Mary, His mother. Joseph was not left out during the full process (Matt 1:20-21). That Jesus was born into this earth is absolutely “good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” The shepherds were the first people to tell others the good news of Jesus’ birth; so, let them be an example for you to follow. Tell someone about JESUS today!

Deeper Look

When Eight Days Were Accomplished – Luke 2:21-39

By birth, Jesus was a Jew. And on the eighth day of His life, Jesus was circumcised according to the Jewish law (Lev 12:2-3) and named as the angel of God had said before He was conceived. The ordinance of circumcision formally declared a person as a Jew. Thus, Jesus was made under the law to redeem us (Gal 4:4-5). However, Mary became unclean for seven days after the birth of her Son. And she had to remain separate for another 33 days for her purification to complete. Meanwhile, Mary must not touch sacred things nor go into the temple. Joseph and Mary offering a pair of two turtledoves, or two young pigeons implies that they were poor (Lev 12:6-8).

When Joseph and Mary left Bethlehem for Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple, Simeon was led by the Holy Spirit to the temple. Simeon was just and devout, yearning for the comfort of Israel. He was a man in tune with the Holy Spirit; no wonder the Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen Christ. He had no knowledge of the birth of Jesus, yet he was hopeful of the promise God gave him. And amazingly, he stepped into the temple the right time! Simeon did not know Jesus, but being filled with the Holy Spirit, he had a perfect knowledge of Him, his Savior. It was at this event he made profound statements concerning himself (vv. 29-31), Jesus (vv. 32,34), and Mary (v. 35). It is a glorious thing to be led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14).

In that instant came Anna who was an old prophetess; she was always in the temple serving God daily through fasting and prayers. She knew nothing about Jesus, but in that instant, she had much to say about Jesus to others. Share Jesus and watch God fill your mouth with His words!

Questions

1. Why was it so important for Mary and Joseph to name their Son Jesus? What does the name mean? What does your name mean?
2. The child Jesus was subjected to the Jewish ordinance of circumcision under the law on His eighth day. What is notable about Mary and Joseph during this process?
3. Joseph and Mary brought “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” to offer a sacrifice as they presented Jesus to the Lord in the temple. What does this tell us about Joseph and Mary’s financial standing? See Lev 12:6,8; 2 Cor 8:9.
4. How does the Bible describe who Simeon was? What did the Holy Ghost reveal to Simeon? In what ways could the Holy Ghost have given Simeon the revelation that he had?
5. Did Simeon recognize the child Jesus for who He was? Who did he think Jesus really is from the text? Was Simeon excited about meeting child Jesus at this event? What evidence is there to support your answer?
6. Luke 2:32-35 details Simeon’s prophecy. Bring out all the points you can from the passage and identify what has been fulfilled, and what is being fulfilled?
7. Is there any similarity between the perception of Simeon and Anna of the child Jesus? If yes, identify the similarity.

Personal Meditation

Christmas indeed goes beyond the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. Christmas brings out the very heart of God—LOVE. It does not stop there. The grand purpose of God is unraveled so that the world might see. We celebrate Christmas by exchanging gifts with loved ones, but the Gift that our Heavenly Father gave is for all people, no one is excluded. This Gift is JESUS!

Jesus came as a baby in a humble manner; He left all His glory in heaven. Did you know that all the people who knew about His conception, birth, and circumcision were humble and loving? God is still looking for such people in our time! Simeon and Anna revered God and walked with Him, and He made Himself known to each of them. While many were oblivious to the identity of Christ, Simeon and Anna were certain of His identity and deity. To develop a perpetual contact with God, accept and embrace the His Son the Lord has given ALL people.

Many people are looking for redemption, but they do not know how to obtain it. Tell them it can only be found in Christ Jesus. This is your time to share HIM. Go ahead, let the world know.

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Luke 2:21-24
Tuesday	Luke 2:25-27
Wednesday	Luke 2:28-32
Thursday	Luke 2:33-35
Friday	Luke 2:36-38
Saturday	Luke 2:39-40



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