

“Looking for Something?”

Luke 2:25-38
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Introduction

- “If only I could do this, my life would be complete?”

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A, The PEOPLE-- Simeon and Anna

1. Simeon-- a “*Spiritually-Sensitive*” saint-- 2:25-27
 - a. “Just” or “righteous”
 - b. “Devout”
 - c. “Spirit-filled”
 - 1) Received specific revelation from God- v. 26
 - 2) Carefully led by the Spirit to the temple-- v. 27
2. Anna-- A “*Spiritually-Active*” senior saint-- 2:36-38
 - a. Questions about her age?
 - b. Carried on a Spiritually-Active Ministry as...
 - 1) Prophetess
 - 2) Prayer-Warrior
3. Both were looking for the same thing: “*The Consolation of Israel*”
 - a. Connection between “consolation” and “redemption”-- Isa 52:9
 - b. Both were looking for “Comfort”
 - 1) Comfort promised by God to Israel-- Isaiah 40:1-2
 - 2) Comfort part of Messiah’s ministry-- Isaiah 61:1-3

B. The PERCEPTION by Simeon

1. General terms: Saw “Salvation” in Jesus
2. BIGGER Picture
 - a. The TRIUMPH of Salvation-- vv. 30-32
 - 1) Light as ‘*Revelation to the Gentiles*’-- Isa 49:6
 - 2) Light as the “*Glory of Israel*”-- Isa 60:1-3
 - b. The TROUBLE with the Savior-- vv. 34-35
 - 1) Instead of being a “Uniter”, Jesus will be a “Divider”
 - 2) Instead of being embraced by all, Jesus will be opposed.
 - 3) The rejection will cause great pain to Mary- v. 35
3. Embracing the Savior, Simeon’s life is complete!

C. The PROCLAMATION by Anna-- 2:38