

Preparing to Encounter Jesus: Simeon

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Luke 2:25-35

SUMMARY:

There was nothing special about Simeon that qualified him to take up in his arms the Christ child. To our knowledge he was not an ordained religious leader, he had no credentials or special authority. He was simply a “just and devout” man who had a close walk with the Lord. He was a man of patient faith trusting that God would reveal the Savior, and he was willing to wait and rely upon the Holy Spirit to open his eyes to see and recognize the Christ child. He desired an encounter with Jesus - the Savior of the world. Do you?

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: What do you most want to see before you die?

Discussion:

- What did Simeon want to see? Explain
- What do you find yourself looking for most of the time? Where are you looking?
- What are you patiently and quietly waiting for God to reveal to you?
- If Simeon is right and he has seen the Lord's Christ – the savior of the world, we have only two choices: to interact with Him or to avoid Him. How can you encourage other men to interact with Jesus?
- In what ways has the Holy Spirit been trying to open your eyes to spiritual matters? Explain

APPLICATION:

Using Simeon as an example, consider ways in which you can better prepare yourself to see Jesus:

- Devotion
- Prayer
- Worship
- Watching
- Expectantly waiting

Choose one area and write down how you plan in the next week to be better prepared to see Jesus.

ON YOUR OWN...

Scriptures to read to understand this passage from Luke:
Exodus 13: 11 – 16 Leviticus 12:1-8 Numbers 18:14-16
Ephesians 1:7 Titus 2: 11 –14
Colossians 2: 9 - 15