

Simeon and Anna and the Revealed, Recognized Redeemer
Luke 2:25-38

INTRO: The prophets had foretold the coming of the Messiah, Israel's king. Two folks who had read these scriptures and had sought the leading of the Holy Spirit concerning the time of the Savior's advent were Simeon and Anna.

Often times, people want the blessing of revelation, but are not willing to live lives of holiness and devotion to receive these gifts.

I. THE SAVIOR REVEALED

A. Vs 26, "The Lord's Christ," God's Messiah was revealed to Simeon through the study of the Word, prayer, waiting, and witness of the Holy Spirit.

1. Vs 25, Simeon was:

a. "Righteous"

1- Sin was forgiven and covered.

2- Guilt removed.

b. "Devout"

1- A worshiper

2- Depending on God.

c. "Looking for the consolation."

1- Forward look of hope.

2- Are you looking for His second advent?

d. "The Holy Ghost was upon him"— he was filled with the Spirit.

2. Vss 36-38, Anna was:

a. "A prophetess" – a woman to whom future events or things hidden from others are revealed.

b. Vs 37, a worshiper and attendee— "which departed not from the temple."

c. Vs 37, a servant— she "served God with fastings and prayers night and day."

B. If you want God to reveal to you His mysteries then learn from Simeon and Anna as well as taking to heart Psalm 25:14: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant." "Covenant" as used here can mean friendship.

II. THE SAVIOR RECOGNIZED

- A. Vss 27-32, Christ was recognized by Simeon.
 - 1. Vs 27, Simeon. . . “came by the Spirit into the temple. . .” He, the Holy Spirit, brings the soul to Christ.
 - 2. Vs 28, “Then took he him up in his arms. . .” Simeon embraced the consolation of Israel. Have you embraced Christ? (John 1:12).
 - 3. Vs 29, He recognized the Prince of Peace; and now, he could die in peace: “depart in peace, according to thy word.”
 - a. You cannot go in peace until you have seen Christ.
 - b. Rom 5:1, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - 4. Vss 30-32, “...Have seen thy salvation.” He saw Christ as the Savior; this is the cause of his peace. Ephesians 6:15 says the death, burial, and resurrection is the “Gospel of Peace.”
- B. Vs 38, Anna recognized the babe to be Christ, the Savior.
 - 1. Vs 38, she proclaimed salvation.
 - 2. Her message was plain: “The one you have been looking for is here.” For this she gave thanks.

III. THE SAVIOR IS THE REDEEMER

- A. Vs 38, Anna pointed the people who were looking for the peace maker to Jesus Christ.
 - 1. The Greek word for “redemption” used here is *lutrosis* which means bringing deliverance from guilt and sin through a ransom paid.
 - 2. That ransom was the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
- B. Vs 30, Simeon saw, by the revelation of God, the salvation “prepared before the face of all people, a light. . . .” (Vs 31-32). Literally, he saw the Savior, Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Vs 32, Christ is the Redeemer, and He dispels the darkness by the Light.
 - 2. The light shows men the road back to God (Jn 14:6).

CONCLUSION: May the Holy Spirit reveal to you and lead you to the light, so you will recognize the Redeemer today.

