



Luke 2:22-33
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MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, December 23
Sunday, December 26

Jesus Presented at the Temple (NASB)

notes

²²And when the days for their purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord: "EVERY FIRSTBORN MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what has been stated in the Law of the Lord: "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG DOVES."

Mary and Joseph are going to Jerusalem (v22-24)

- Mary is purified over forty days (Leviticus 12:1-5)
- Jesus belongs to God as the firstborn son (Exodus 13:2, 11-16)
- Jesus is to be dedicated to serving God (1 Samuel 1:24-28)

Mary and Joseph take time to honor God

²⁵And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law.

Simeon is also going to Jerusalem (v25-28)

- Simeon is righteous and devout
- Simeon is looking forward to Israel's consolation
- The Holy Spirit is upon Simeon
- Simeon has been promised that he will live to see the Messiah

Prayer Requests:

Read out Loud: Luke 2:22-33

1. What was your favorite Christmas tradition growing up?
2. Between Luke 2:22-40, the phrase “the Law of the Lord” is used five times. What does this suggest to you about Mary and Joseph’s parenting of Jesus?
3. Why was Simeon used to bless Mary, Joseph and Jesus? What makes him significant in this story?
4. God is proven to be concerned about our world through Jesus being born. Why might someone believe God to be impersonable, and how might this passage counter that belief?