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Luke 2:25-28

INTRODUCTION

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I am fully confident that God wants each of us to experience the joy that comes from having our hopes realized. God wants us to experience the fulfillment that comes from having our dreams actualized. God wants us to experience the satisfaction of having our ambitions fulfilled and our aspirations achieved, and to express that joy by breaking out in spontaneous praise to God for all He has done. Simeon has that exact experience in today's key text because his soul's desire was to see Israel's Messiah for himself, and it finally happened. He did not know when the Messiah was coming. He did not know how He would appear, and quite frankly he didn't know exactly where, but his heart's desire was to see the Messiah for himself. Every step he takes in this text epitomizes what he did and what we all should do if we want to have our dreams fulfilled and our hopes come to pass.

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KEY POINTS

1. You Must Be In Possession Of A Personal Promise

Simeon's journey to meeting Jesus actually begins with something that is mentioned in verse 26. There the text says that Simeon had received a revelation from the Holy Spirit that he would not see death without seeing the Lord's Messiah. What makes this revelation so unique is that it was not a general reaffirmation of the messianic hope of the Jewish people. Instead, it was a specific revelation regarding the Messiah as it related to Simeon's life.

As a Christian, when you are in possession of a personal promise from God, you are well on your way to having your prayers answered. When God gives you a tailored-made, custom-designed, couture revelation with your name on it, that's when you know that you are in possession of a promise that gives the next season of your life meaning.

2. You Must Get In The Right Position

It was stipulated in the law that every firstborn male should be dedicated in the temple in Jerusalem. Based upon that law, Simeon knows that if he is to see the Messiah, then he needs to get in the right place and in the right position for his promise to come to pass.

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This is the first aspect of spiritual alignment. Oftentimes our location affects our manifestation of what God has for us. There are some things that you can't manifest from God if you're not in the right spiritual location. You can have a promise, but if you are not in the right place physically and spiritually, you won't receive it. God can have something for you, but if you are not in a healthy place, if you are not around healthy people, if you're not in the right mindset, if you are not cultivating healthy practices, if you are not in the right spaces, you won't experience what God wants you to have.

3. Live Life in the Right Spiritual and Moral Posture

The text describes Simeon in verse 25 as a "righteous and devout" man. Eugene Petersen translated this line by saying he was "...a good man, a man who lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for Israel." That is not an insignificant reference on the part of the evangelist. It means that he was a deeply faithful and faith-filled man.

This shows us that not only did Simeon order his external world to be in alignment with the promise, but he also ordered his internal world to be in alignment. Simeon didn't want God to give him a blessing he wasn't ready to handle. He didn't want God to show up when he was not ready. So, he brought his inner world to line up with his outer world. And we would be wise to follow his example.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is an example of a personal promise you've received from God?
2. How can you practically begin to get into the right position spiritually to receive what God has for you?
3. What changes do you need to make to ensure that your inner world is lined up with your outer world the way Simeon's was?
