

"The Personal Christmas Prophecy"

And 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. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And 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, then he took Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
"Now, Lord, You are letting Your bond-servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples: a light for revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Luke 2:25-32

1. Whatever you _____
to will express itself in your _____,
_____, and _____.
(Lk. 2:25; Heb. 4:13)
2. God the Holy Spirit wants to _____ things to you...
so are you _____?
(Lk. 2:25-27; Jn. 16:7,13)
3. God has some very _____ and
_____ things to say to _____.
(Lk. 2:22, 26-30).
4. Why not _____? (Jer. 33:3)

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when you heard from God, including how He "spoke" to you and how you responded.
2. Name as many ways as you can that God uses to "speak" to people? Which ways have you heard Him speak to you?
3. Read Hebrews 4:13. Do you find this verse frightening, comforting, or maybe a little bit of both? Why?
4. How would you describe a devout Christian?
5. It is impossible (not just difficult) to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit. Read the following Scriptures about the Holy Spirit and share what is being taught: Jn. 14:26; Acts 1:8; 2:38; 4:31; 10:38; 13:2, 8-13; 16:6,7; 19:6; 21:11; Rom. 5:5; 15:13; 1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 5:16, 22.
6. Who is someone you care about that needs to know Jesus? Take time to pray specifically for their salvation.