

# Luke 2:21-52 – 15 January 2023

## “Worship 101”

### Introduction

\*Luke began w/ the angelic announcements, then births of John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus

\*Now today, to finish chap 2 we have the only stories in the Bible during the adolescence of Jesus beside the Wise Men visiting and the family’s flight to Egypt for a time as recorded in Matthew

\*All the events remaining in this chapter happen at the temple in Jerusalem – the temple speaks of worship

\*I believe the accounts we have today were intentionally recorded to give us insight into aspects of true worship for every faithful follower of the Lord

\*So welcome to Worship 101

**Today, we’ll see 3 ways every believer can give glory and worship to our great God**

# 1<sup>st</sup> way to worship is thru faith & service (Vs 21-24)

Read Vs 21

1. Jesus circumcised in obedience to the Law
2. Blood coagulates the best on 8<sup>th</sup> day
  - a. Today just give Vit K shot & do it on day 1
3. This was a sign of faith in the covenant God made with Abraham & Israel
  - a. It's of no spiritual benefit today, however like everything in the Law, it still has a physical benefit – lower infection rate

Read Vs 22-24

1. From Lev 12 - Ritually unclean for 1 week
  - a. Nothing morally unclean here
  - b. Can't approach God until 40 days
  - c. What grace & care from God to give moms extra time to hold their child & bond

2. Standard was a lamb for Burnt Offering & a pigeon or turtledove for a Sin Offering
  - a. Poor could bring 2 pigeons or turtledoves
  - b. Shows Mary & Joseph were a poor family
3. This reverses order for the offerings (B then S)
  - a. All other occasions deal w/ your Sin then whole dedication with the Burnt
  - b. This is whole dedication of the parents (B) then Sin offering for Original sin of the child
  - c. What a picture! Jesus is here to eradicate the entire sinful nature of the human race!

**2<sup>nd</sup> way to worship is thru praise & proclamation  
(Vs 25-39)**

Read Vs 25-26

1. H.S. will be called the Comforter by Jesus
2. *Consolation* is the word comforter & he was filled with the Comforter
3. What grace God allowed this just man to get

## Read Vs 27-28

1. Simeon cultivated a closeness w/ God so he moved at the impulse of God – & praise just flows

## Read Vs 29-32

1. Salvation has come for all people
  - a. Read Eph 2:14-15 – all people are the same

## Read Vs 33-34

1. So it is w/ all people, we must fall under weight of our sin 1<sup>st</sup> then we can rise to eternal new life
2. There're only two choices
  - a. Fall under our sin, then rise again w/ Jesus
  - b. No response: Jesus falls on you in judgement
3. There're only three types of people
  - a. #1: Dem dat is, #2: dem dat ain't & #3: dem dat think they is, but ain't
4. The worshipper is the one that sees his own sin and the perfection of our great God

## Read Vs 35

1. Jesus' crucifixion will wound Mary but will be the very factor for determining the destiny of man
  - a. Read Matt 10:34 – The sword of who He is will divide
  - b. Read Heb 4:12 – We bring this decision-point to the whole world by giving them the Word of God

## Read Vs 36-39

1. Anna's name means grace
2. No 'Ten Lost Tribes' – Anna is from Asher
3. Why would Simeon & Anna be looking for Messiah?
  - a. Read Dan 9:25 – Exact timing for Messiah's entrance is given
  - b. Read Luk 19:41-44 – 'This thy day'
4. Simeon & Anna are truly raising a 'hallelujah'
  - a. *To be clear, to shine like the noon sun*
  - b. Interpreted – To rave, boast & celebrate

## **3<sup>rd</sup> way to worship is thru learning & knowledge (Vs 40-52)**

Read Vs 40

1. Jesus grew physically, mentally & spiritually at the appropriate age that any would
2. But the gifting and favor of God was clearly evident throughout his youth

Read Vs 41-44

1. 70 miles or 3 day journey, so they went in big companies
2. So this is the original 'Home Alone' – all his family left Jesus "home" at Temple in Jerusalem
3. Notice Jesus' age 12 – At 13 Jews had a Bar Mitsvah or coming of age that you're a 'Son of the Commandments' – oh He's been one for a while!!

Read Vs 45-47

1. After 3 days of considering Him dead or gone
  - a. Abraham 3 days journey to offer Isaac

- b. Joseph imprisoned his brother 3 days
  - c. Spies left Rahab & hid 3 days
  - d. Jonah 3 days in the fish as dead
  - e. Paul went 3 days without sight
2. Jesus is interchanging w/ the doctors
- a. *Didaskalos* – used 59 times – always master or teacher & only here translated as doctor
3. At Passover the teachers, even the best masters of the Law would assemble at the Temple to allow the travelers to ask questions and learn from them
4. Jesus gives a great lesson for communicating God's Word to those outside of your authority
- a. Though they weren't outside Jesus' authority, as a child He's showing respect for His & their earthly positions
  - b. He doesn't command, but listens, asks & then answers when necessary and asked to answer

## Read Vs 48-50

1. At this age all Jewish boys would begin to learn the trade of his father
  - a. Jesus is clearly saying they should have known that He would be starting His heavenly Father's trade!
2. Mary calls Joseph Jesus' "father" and Jesus quickly corrects here
  - a. Luke gets this right in vs 43 but some modern Bible translations get it wrong
3. Clear indication the Jesus has talked w/ them of His supernatural mission and being
  - a. They should have known what He's doing
4. Jesus said "I must be" ...
  - a. Now lots of people say I "ought to be" about my Father's business
  - b. But we need to say, as Jesus did, I "must be" about my Father's business

## Read Vs 51-52

1. Jesus learned submission and knew His place and timing to fulfill His mission



## Conclusion

What a great introduction to true worship thru the early life of Jesus

All occurring at the temple of worship

- 1. We worship thru faith & service**
  - a. Worship will always involve simple obedience
  - b. As Jesus told the Samaritan women in John 4, we worship in Spirit and in truth
- 2. We worship thru praise & proclamation**
  - a. Worship will always be given a voice in public
  - b. Many Biblical authors interrupt their writing to burst out in praise (Paul)
- 3. We worship thru learning & knowledge**
  - a. We cannot correctly or completely worship God until and unless we learn Who He is!

This is just Jesus' early example, but this is also the church's commission in Acts 2:42