



### **"The Comforter"**

Luke 2: 22-35 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup> And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation

<sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Isaiah 40:1-5, Isaiah 52:8-10, Isaiah 61:1-3

### **Main Idea: Jesus IS the Consolation of Israel, and Jesus is MY Consolation!**

Exodus 14:14

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Deuteronomy 20:4

Romans 8:31

Psalms 34:19

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Ephesians 6:10

#### **1. Jesus brings comfort from struggles!**

#### **2. Jesus brings comfort from sin!**

Isaiah 40:2

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Isaiah 52:9-10

Luke 2:30-32

*"There is consolation in the promises of the Bible. Oh! how sweet to the soul in distress are the promises of Jesus! For every condition there is a promise; for every sorrow there is a cordial; for every wound there is a balm; for every disease there is a medicine. If we turn to the Bible, there are promises for all cases."*

- Charles Spurgeon