

Simeon's Song of Joy

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The First Christmas Songs

*Five questions for preparing ourselves to
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²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

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²⁶ 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.

²⁷ And he came in 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,

²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

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³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed

³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Five questions for preparing ourselves to fully embrace Jesus and his plan for our lives:

1. How are you at waiting for the very best and not getting distracted by anything less? (v. 22-25a)
2. Are you looking to Jesus for comfort and joy? (v. 25b)
3. Are you operating in the Spirit so that you don't miss Jesus and what He has for you each day? (v. 25c-27)
4. Will you be patient for God's full plan to unfold? It might be difficult at first, but it will be so good at the end. (v. 33-35)
5. What are you waiting for? (v. 28-32)