

Baby Jesus Brought to the Temple (*Nunc Dimittis*) Lk 2: 21-38 (P2)

- Luke tells us Simeon came into the Temple to meet the couple
- What a joyous occasion – Luke records Simeon’s praise (vv.27-28)
- Simeon took the baby in his arms: Jesus did this also (Mk 9:36; 10:16)

IV. Simeon’s Song (vv.29-32)

- Simeon held baby Jesus & praises God in song: purpose of incarnation
 - Simeon, declares he can die in peace, “according to Your Word” (vs.29)
- a) His Song shows how completely believer can be delivered from fear of death
- What can take the sting of death away? Only faith in Jesus Christ
- b) Clear views Christ’s work & office some Jewish believers were given by God
- Vs 30 “My eyes have seen your salvation” – Christ is totally sufficient
- c) The salvation of which Simeon sang is universal in its offer (vv.31-32)
- d) We see Christ was indeed the glory of Israel (v.32; cf. Rom 1:3)
- Vs 33 “The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about Him”

V. Simeon’s Revelation (vv.34,35)

- Simeon turns to Joseph & Mary, addressing them directly
 - Sword will pierce Mary’s soul -- crucifixion & death of Jesus
- 1) This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many (v.34a)
- The fall of many in Israel (Jewish leadership-)
 - The rising again to many in Israel (priest became obedient- Saul)
- 2) The thoughts of many hearts being revealed (v 35)
- 3) A sign that will be spoken against (v.34b,35a)