

The Wise Man of Christmas

Luke 2:25-32

I. The wise man in the Temple at Christmas (vv. 25-26).

A. The Person of the Prophet (v. 25).

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

B. The Promise of the Prophet (v. 26).

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.

II. The wise message in the Temple at Christmas (vv. 27-35).

A. A Public Message of Joy (vv. 27-32).

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, **28** then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,
According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A Light of revelation to the Gentiles,

And the glory of Your people Israel."

B. A Private Message of Sorrow (vv. 33-35).

33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. **34** And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and

rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed- **35** and a sword will pierce even your own soul-
to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."