

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) & John 1:1-18
Singing: 128:1-3 – 41:6-5 – 391:1-4 – 450:1-2 – 265:1-3

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in His temple. (Ps. 27:4)

Simeon's Celebration and Ministry at Christ's Birth (2)

- I. Simeon's portrait of piety
- II. Simeon's praises about God's provision
- III. Simeon's preaching about Christ's ministry
- IV. Simeon's prophecy about fruit of Christ's ministry

II. Simeon's praises about God's provision

- A. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon is led to the child Jesus (vs. 27)
 - 1. How surprising must have been the fulfilment of Spirit's revelation (26)

 - 2. We need same ministry of the Holy Spirit as Simeon experienced
 - a. we are totally blind for the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:4-5)

- B. Guided by Spirit, Simeon worships God for His Gift to him
 - 1. Simeon's action pictures saving faith (vs. 28; Confession of Faith, art 22)

 - 2. Simeon blessed of God for the Savior (vs. 28, 30; 2 Cor. 9:15)

- C. At once, Simeon begs God to deliver him forever (vs. 29)
 - 1. This response is the evidence of his true faith (Rom. 15:13; 5:1)

III. Simeon's prophecy about Christ's purpose

A. Simeon also became a preacher-ambassador: 31-32

1. The salvation he received was not only for him: vs. 31; Romans 10:12

2. We are not excluded from the Gospel except when you exclude yourself!

. Romans 10:11, 13

B. Simeon is also a preacher-prophet (vs. 32, 34-35)

Closing Thoughts: *We are all departing day upon day!*

A. When we come to our final day, *will we be able to depart in peace?*

1. What is necessary for that?

2. Why do so many sadly think that a little 'good religion' is enough?

B. To be able to depart in peace we need to be saved by the Almighty God

**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto with all perseverance
and supplication for all saints;
and for me, that utterance may be given unto me,
that I may open my mouth boldly,
to make known the mystery of the Gospel.
Ephesians 6:18-19**