

Lord, Now Let Your Servant  
Depart in Peace  
Luke 2:25-35

Because the Lord keeps His promises, we can trust Him with our lives, believing that He cares for us and provides for us, and He offers salvation to everyone who places trust in Him

As we view the Christmas story, we are reminded of God's goodness, glory, and long-lasting desire to save the world in its desperate need for deliverance from sin and sorrow, and it culminates in the coming of Jesus Christ

## **THE HEART OF ANTICIPATION** (vv. 25-27)

Waiting is a part of the ordinary human life, but also a part of following Jesus

The Christian has a lot of waiting to do; but we also have a lot of hoping to do, because our faith is fixed on the Redeemer who can save and restore, and make all things right

They needed consolation, but they needed the Great Consoler

Because Simeon kept faith in God's promise, he was spiritually prepared to see his Lord face-to-face

## EYES FIT TO BEHOLD THE SAVIOR (vv. 28-32)

The Messiah has been revealed to Simeon and he rejoices by saying –

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”* (Luke 2:29-32)

Praise was the only fitting response to what happens in the temple

## **EYES FIT TO BEHOLD THE SAVIOR** (vv. 28-32)

Through sickness, sorrow, joy, times of having plenty, or times of need, we are called to have this same praise mark our lives

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth”* Psalm 34:1

# THE FAITH TO ACCEPT THE REALITY OF THE SAVIOR

(vv. 33-35)

Mary's son, would be the causation for falling and rising of many in Israel, and he will be a sign spoken against (v. 34)

*Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”* 1 Cor. 1:22-23

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Yet there are many, in Jesus's ministry, that properly respond to the King in faith; these were the downtrodden, the outcast, the poor, prostitutes, tax collectors – all recognized their desperate need of Jesus

Mary's sufferings are the same sufferings God calls us into because we are His disciples; for Jesus is a sword to our soul, and this is the cost of discipleship in following Him