

Simeon's Psalm: The One Fit

Luke 2.21-35

I do not know who appeals to you most in the Christmas story, but we should give some consideration to some of the lesser known characters. There are some interesting individuals that may be considered minor people like Zechariah, **Simeon**, **Anna**, and all the unnamed people who are suggested in Luke 2 by the phrase:

*"He [Simeon] was **waiting** for the consolation of Israel."* Luke 2.25

*"All who were **looking forward** to the redemption of Jerusalem."* Luke 2.38

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'*

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' Luke 2.21-35

ONE WHO WAS WAITING

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THE ONE FIT TO SAVE

***For my eyes have seen your salvation,**
which you have prepared in the sight of all people.*

LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

***A light for revelation to the Gentiles**
and for glory to your people Israel.*

GOD'S GLORY

*A light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for **glory to your people Israel**.*