



Praying with our Eyes Open

Eckhardt Mission Series 2023





Day by Day

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Dear Lord, of thee three
things I pray:

To see thee more clearly;

love thee more dearly;

Follow thee more nearly,

Day by day.

**TO SEE THEE MORE
CLEARLY...**















Luke 2: 22-33

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.* Guided by the Spirit, Simeon* came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon* took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant* in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Small Group Discussion

- What is happening, and why is it important to the Gospel?
- How do you see the theme of sight developing here?
- Imagine you are the artist commissioned to paint this scene:
 - Who would be in the painting?
 - What would their expressions reveal?
 - Where would you put light and shadow?
 - Where would you want to draw the viewer's attention?