

**READY TO DIE**  
**LUKE 2:25-35 / DEC. 10, 2017 / PM**

**I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SIMEON?**

- A. His name in Hebrew means "hearing".
- B. He was described in three ways—2:25.
  - 1. Righteous means to have high standards, to be upright or just.
  - 2. Devout means God fearing, pious or reverent.
  - 3. The Holy Spirit was on him like He was on O.T. Prophets.

**II. WHAT DID SIMEON DO?**

- A. He waited for a promise from God to be fulfilled—2:26.
- B. Simeon met Jesus and his family—2:27.
- C. Simeon responded by praising God for keeping His promise—2:28-32.
- D. Simeon delivered a prophecy concerning what Jesus birth and life would bring.
  - 1. First, Jesus would cause division between people—2:33-34.
  - 2. Second, those who reject Jesus will reveal what's in their hearts—2:35a.
  - 3. Third, Mary's heart will be broken by this rejection—2:35b

**III. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM SIMEON?**

- 1. There are blessings for living a Godly life.
- 2. God still speaks not just then but also today.
- 3. God's promises and God's Word can be counted on.
- 4. God often requires His people to wait.
- 5. Death is not something to be feared.
- 6. Jesus birth paved the way for our salvation.
- 7. Salvation is global
- 8. People will reject us and our Jesus.
- 9. It costs to follow Jesus.