

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
LUKE 2:22-35 / 3:24-19 / PM**

I. SIMEON'S LIFE.

- A. We aren't really told how old he was, although, we usually think of him as an old man.
1. One reason is because God told him he wouldn't die before seeing the Messiah—2:26.
 2. Another reason is because his story is coupled with that of Anna, who we are told was 84.
- B. He was living in Jerusalem but not in the Temple courtyard as Anna had—2:25a and 27a.

Luke 2: 25a

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon.....

Luke 2:27a

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.....

II. SIMEON'S CHARACTER AND LESSONS.

- A. He was a righteous man—2:25—**“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous...”**
- B. He was a devout man—2:25---**Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout....**
- C. He was a patient man—2:25c—**“.....He was waiting for the consolation of Israel...”**
- D. He was obedient to the Lord—2:27a—**“Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts....”**
- E. He was Spirit-controlled. Three times the Holy Spirit spoke to him—2:25, 26, 27.
- 2:25—“...and the Holy Spirit was on him.”**
- 2:26—“It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit...”**
- 2:27—“Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts....”**
- F. He acknowledged God's Lordship of his life.
- 2:28—“He praised God”.**
- 2:29—“Sovereign Lord”.**
- 2:29—“Your servant”**

- G. He was ready when God wanted to use him—**2:27**—“**Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.**”
- H. He was prepared to die—**2:29**—“**... you may now dismiss your servant in peace.**”
- I. He was a prophet.
 - 1. He acknowledged that Jesus would bring salvation to the world—2:30.
 - 2. He predicted Jesus was the Messiah of everyone, including Gentiles—2:31-32.
 - 3. He blessed Mary and Joseph—2:33-34a.

Luke 2:33-34a

33 The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them....

- 4. He predicted that Jesus would be rejected by many—**2:34b-35a**—“**...“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against”. 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.....**
- 5. He predicted that Jesus would suffer and his mother would suffer because of it—**2:35b**—“**...And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**”