

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you experienced a “divine encounter” from God... where God divinely placed you in a situation because you knew He wanted you to be there. How did you realize the encounter was from God?

2. What are some things people “dedicate” themselves to today?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about dedication:
 - a) Exodus 32:39
 - b) Leviticus 27:28
 - c) I Kings 8:61
 - d) Proverbs 16:3
 - e) Romans 12:1-2
 - f) Colossians 3:17
 - g) Hebrews 10:20

4. How would the “sword” of which Simeon spoke impact the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to dedicate time each week this coming year to serve somewhere in ministry.
 - I am going to dedicate at least 15 minutes each day in the upcoming year to my personal spiritual growth.
 - I am going to memorize Colossians 3:17.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 2:21-38

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Study Series #009

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

I. Introduction

A. Surprise!

B. The Presentation of Jesus

(See Luke 2:22; Judges 13:1-25; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 16:31; Judges 21:25; I Samuel 1:23-28; I Samuel 7:6; I Samuel 2:18; I Samuel 7:15-17; I Samuel 3:20; Jeremiah 15:1; Hebrews 11:32)

II. The Dedication of Jesus in the Temple

A. Jesus is Named

(See Luke 2:21; Galatians 4:4; Leviticus 12:1-8; Exodus 13:2; Exodus 13:12; Numbers 3:13; Numbers 8:17; Leviticus 5:11; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 3:11; Genesis 17:1-13; Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31; Matthew 1:21)

B. Jesus is Presented

(See Luke 2:22-23; Leviticus 15:19; Leviticus 12:1-4; Luke 2:24; Leviticus 12:6-8; John 1:29; II Corinthians 8:9)

C. The Blessing of Simeon

(See Luke 2:25; Judges 6:34; Judges 14:19; I Samuel 10:6; Luke 2:26-27; Proverbs 16:9; Luke 2:28-33; Matthew 27:15; II Corinthians 5:1-8; Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 9:27; I Corinthians 15:54-57)

D. The Prophecy of Simeon

(See Luke 2:34-35; I Samuel 17:51; Luke 2:49; Matthew 12:48; John 19:26)

E. The Testimony of Anna

(See Luke 2:36-38; Ex 15:20; Judges 4:4; Isaiah 8:3; Acts 21:8-9; Exodus 22:21-22; Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Deuteronomy 14:29; Isaiah 1:17; I Timothy 5:3-16; Malachi 3:16)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study

Luke 2:21-38

²¹ And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every *firstborn* male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸ then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹ “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples; ³² A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”

³³ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— ³⁵ and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fasting and prayers. ³⁸ At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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