

JESUS IS SALVATION, LIGHT AND GLORY

Luke 2:21-40

Key Verse: 2:30-32

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

1. How did Joseph and Mary obey God’s word specifically (21-24; Lev 12:1-4,7-8; Lk 1:31; Ex 13:2)? How does this show their poverty and godly lifestyle? What do we learn here about obeying God’s word and dedicating our children to God?
2. Note the repetition of “Law of Moses” or “Law of the Lord” (22,23,24,27,39). Why was it necessary for Jesus to be fully subject to God’s Law even from infancy (Gal 4:4-5; Heb 2:17; 4:15b; Mt 5:17)?
3. How is Simeon described and what was he waiting for (25)? To what does “the consolation of Israel” refer (Isa 40:1-2)? How did the Holy Spirit help him to know and find Jesus (26-27)? When he saw Jesus, what did he do? (28)
4. Read Simeon’s song (29-32). What salvation does Jesus bring (1:69,71,77; 2:11; 19:10; Ac 4:12)? How is Jesus a light for revelation to the Gentiles (Ac 26:17-18,23; Isa 49:6)? How is Jesus the glory of his people Israel (Jn 1:14; 2Co 4:4,6)?
5. What did Simeon prophesy about the child Jesus (33-35a)? What are the two responses to Jesus and the consequences of each (1Pe 2:4,7-8)? How would Mary suffer (35b)?
6. How is Anna described (36-37)? What did she speak of (38)? What does the redemption of Jerusalem mean (1:68; 24:47; Ac 13:38-39)? What can we learn in this passage about the kind of people God uses? How did Jesus grow (39-40)?