

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 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."
Luke 2:29-32



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Changes

the story never changes
yet the story changes everything

Christmas: The Rest of the Story

Scripture: Luke 2:21-49

Today, I want to fill in the story between the shepherd's visit and the wise men's arrival. And then go on with the rest of the story.

I. Fulfilling Jewish Covenant:

Circumcision Luke 2:21; Leviticus 12:1-4

II. The Presentation Ritual

Luke 2: 22-24

- A. The history of this practice –
The animal substitute
 1. Life of _____ for coverings for Adam and Eve after their sin.
 2. _____ substituted for Isaac.
 3. _____ was substituted for firstborn in Egypt for the first Passover. (Exodus 12; 13:2,13-14)
- B. The Obedience of Practice
 1. _____ substituted for Jesus. (Luke 2:22-24)
 2. _____ became the substitute sacrifice for man. (I Peter 3:18)

III. A Fulfilled Promise Luke 2:25-35

- A. To Simeon, a personal promise is given.
 1. His Character – righteous and devout (v. 25)

2. His Anticipation " _____ " (v. 25b)
 3. His Revelation by Holy Spirit to see the Christ (v. 26)
 4. Moved by the Holy Spirit to the temple and to the parents (v. 27)
- B. The Promise fulfilled (v. 27-28)
1. Now ready to die (v. 28-29)
 2. He held the _____ in his arms (v. 30)
 3. The Light and Glory (History: glory cloud as presence of God)
 - Leading Israel in wilderness
 - Filling Tabernacle
 - Filled Solomon's Temple
 - Ezekiel's vision of departing glory and return (ch. 10,11,43)
 - The _____ returned to Israel in the baby Jesus
 4. Simeon stood there holding the _____ and the _____ of Israel in his arms.
- C. The Prediction (Luke 2:34-35)
1. The child to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel
 2. The child will be a sign to be spoken against
 3. The child will reveal the hearts of many
 4. The child will be as a sword to pierce your own soul

IV. The Anticipation Fulfilled Luke 2:36-38

- A. The leader of the pack – Aged Anna
- B. Her lifestyle: _____ (v. 37)
- C. She knew Him and gave thanks.
- D. She _____ the good news.

V. The Growing Up Years Luke 2:39-52

- A. Arrival of the wise men and flight to Egypt (Matthew 2)
- B. The summary of childhood (Luke 2: 40)
- C. The attraction toward His Father's will (v. 41-50)
- D. The silent years (v. 51)
- E. The memories of Mary's heart (v. 18-19; 33; 51)

And Now the Rest of the Story...

The Story Never Changes, Yet the Story Changes Everything.

What have you done with Jesus?

When you stand before God on judgment day, what will be revealed about your heart?

Will your heart be seen with Jesus living there? Or will your heart be filled with sin because you never received Jesus into your heart to be forgiven?