

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) & John 1:1-18

Singing: 128:1-3 – 41:6-5 – 391:1-4 – 450:1-2 – 265:1-3

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in His temple. (Ps. 27:4)

Simeon's Celebration and Ministry at Christ's Birth (2)

I. Simeon's portrait of piety II. Simeon's praises about God's provision

III. Simeon's preaching about Christ's ministry

IV. Simeon's prophecy about fruit of Christ's ministry

II. Simeon's praises about God's provision

A. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon is led to the child Jesus (vs. 27)

1. How surprising must have been the fulfilment of Spirit's revelation (26)

2. We need same ministry of the Holy Spirit as Simeon experienced

a. we are totally blind for the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:4-5)

B. Guided by Spirit, Simeon worships God for His Gift to him

1. Simeon's action pictures saving faith (vs. 28; Confession of Faith, art 22)

2. Simeon blessed of God for the Savior (vs. 28, 30; 2 Cor. 9:15)

C. At once, Simeon begs God to deliver him forever (vs. 29)

1. This response is the evidence of his true faith (Rom. 15:13; 5:1)

III. Simeon's prophecy about Christ's purpose

A. Simeon also became a preacher-ambassador: 31-32

1. The salvation he received was not only for him: vs. 31; Romans 10:12

2. We are not excluded from the Gospel except when you exclude yourself!

. Romans 10:11, 13

B. Simeon is also a preacher-prophet (vs. 32, 34-35)

Closing Thoughts: *We are all departing day upon day!*

A. When we come to our final day, *will we be able to depart in peace?*

1. What is necessary for that?

2. Why do so many sadly think that a little 'good religion' is enough?

B. To be able to depart in peace we need to be saved by the Almighty God

**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto with all perseverance
and supplication for all saints;
and for me, that utterance may be given unto me,
that I may open my mouth boldly,
to make known the mystery of the Gospel.
Ephesians 6:18-19**