

JESUS IS

"The Presentation" – Luke 2:22-40

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Do you see God's fingerprints in the ordinary moments of your life?

God's Plan – Luke 2:22-24

"When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord... Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord... and to offer a sacrifice: a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

THE SETTING: Here, God's plan is about to unfold through **ordinary obedience**.

Mary and Joseph were in Jerusalem, at the temple to fulfill the requirements of the law. Jesus was circumcised on the 8th day as was the custom and 40 days after the birth, Mary, the mother, had to go through purification rites (Leviticus 12:1-8) and then present an offering.

Luke 2:23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),

At the same time as the purification rites, the first-born child was presented to the Lord. Every first-born was to be consecrated to the Lord. Consecrated = set apart

Exodus 13:2 "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal."

Exodus 13:12 you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord.

"first-born:" literally means "to open the womb"

Luke 2:24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

1 Samuel 15:22 "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen better than the fat of rams."

God's Prompting – Luke 2:25-28

Now we meet **Simeon**, a man described as:

"Righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him."

Righteous — he lived a life of integrity, walking blamelessly before God.

Used of **Noah** — "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation" (Gen 6:9 LXX).

Used of **Joseph**, the earthly father of Jesus — "Joseph... being a righteous man..." (Matt 1:19).

Devout — **Root:** *eu* ("well, good") + *lambanō* ("to take hold of, grasp").

Literal sense: "One who carefully takes hold of what is good."

A deep desire to do what is good (a deep desire for God). The fear of the Lord.

God's Promise – Luke 2:29-32

Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and says:

"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."

What does the name, Jesus, mean? ("Yeshua:" Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation")

Matthew 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Isaiah 49:6 – "I will make you a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles" - Simeon

Isaiah 60:1-3 – "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Nations will come to your light..."

God's Purpose – Luke 2:34-38

Luke 2:34-35 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "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. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Luke 4:28-30 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Luke 19:47 Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.

"And a sword will pierce your own soul too." Mary will suffer the agony of watching her Son die.

Luke 2:36-37 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

She positioned herself in God's presence. She positioned her daily life around being with God.

This is the message she wanted to communicate:

Luke 2:38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Conclusion – So What?

Do we live righteous and devout lives that welcome God's presence? Are we ready to respond to His prompting?

"Do I see the fingerprints of God on my life?"