

Living in Expectation

Luke 2:22-38

Jesus' first coming points to His second coming. Are we ready?

1. Joseph and Mary fulfill the Requirements of the Law (2:21-24)

- Circumcised on the 8th day (Gen 17:12)
- Named Jesus (see Matthew 1:21)
- Presented to God as the first born son (Exod 13:2, 12)
- Sacrifice was given by the family

2. Simeon and Jesus (2:25-35)

Four descriptions of Simeon (v. 25):

- Righteous, Devout, Lived in expectation that God would intervene for Israel, Filled with the Holy Spirit

The "consolation of Israel": Isaiah 49:13; 52:9; 66:13

Simeon was open and prepared for God's promise (v. 26) and led by the Spirit (v. 27).

When he saw the infant Jesus, he burst forth with praise (vv. 27-28).

The salvation of Jesus comes in two parts (v. 32):

- Gentiles needed knowledge.
- Jews needed glory.

Jesus' coming was going to do one of two things to people (vv. 34-35):

- Cause them to grow
- Cause them to stumble and fall. Isaiah 8:14; 28:13-16; 1 Peter 2:4-8

Jesus' coming will divide the nation into two. How a person responds to Jesus determines their position with God.

In what ways was Jesus going to bring sorrow and joy to Mary?

2. Anna, a Faithful Servant (2:36-38)

What do we know about Anna (vv. 36-37)?

- Prophetess, Israelite with family heritage, Old, Became a widow after 7 years, A widow until 84, Always prayed and fasted at the temple

There will be two types of responses when Jesus comes again:

- 1) Embrace Jesus in joy
- 2) Fall down in terror because they had missed their opportunity

3. Jesus Grows up (2:39-52)

For Mary, the parents of Jesus in view are:

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Mary and Joseph did not quite understand what Jesus was talking about.

How can we live in expectation of the next Advent?