



Simeon's Song

NUNC DIMITTIS LUKE 2:25-35

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“You can dismiss (your servant in peace)...”
 - v. 29

“Nunc Dimittis” (Latin) • “Now, Master, You can dismiss you servant in peace” (English)

ABOUT SIMEON

- Apart from what we know from Luke 2, we know nothing about this man.
- We don't know his background, his hometown, his education or even his vocation.
- We assume he was a priest—but we don't know that for sure.
- We assume he was old—but we don't know that for sure.
- He appears on *the stage* for a brief moment and then disappears.
- From Scripture, we know his name, Simeon; we know he was righteous and devout; and, we know he was looking forward to “Israel's consolation.”
- He had been told, by God, that he would not die until he saw the Messiah.
- From scripture, we know that he took the baby Jesus from the arms of Mary and held Him up and sang a song to God.

ABOUT SIMEON'S SONG

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT “WHY” SIMEON SANG TO GOD:

1. Because of WHO appeared.

Luke 2:29–30, NIV -²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation....”

Luke 2:29–30, NLT -²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen Your salvation....”

Who is this Child?

- “The Lord's Messiah” (v. 26)
- Man's Salvation (v. 30)

2. Because of WHY He arrived.

Luke 2:29–32, NASB95 -²⁹ “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel.”

Why did this Child come?

- To provide salvation (v. 30)
- To provide light of revelation (v. 32a)
- To provide glory (v. 32b)

3. Because of WHAT He would accomplish.

Luke 2:33–35, NASB95 -³³ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— ³⁵ and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

What did this Child accomplish?

- He became a stone (Mishnah)
- He became a sign (v. 34)
- He became a sword (v. 35)

LESSONS FROM SIMEON'S SONG

If you consider WHO arrived, WHY He came and WHAT He accomplished, it should lead you to sing also.