

# SIMEON'S HYMN OF PRAISE—

## SALVATION FOR JEWS AND GENTILES Luke 2:25-35

Central Idea: Salvation is not a human achievement but a divine gift. Have you received God's gift of salvation?

Introduction:

Little is known about Simeon. Like Mary and Joseph, Simeon was dedicated to obeying God's word. He was full of faith waiting for God to fulfill His promise to comfort or console Israel with a Savior. He believed God's word of promise. And he had that rare gift for this period in history—he was filled with the Holy Spirit. God promised Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Messiah (v. 26).

Simeon's life was one of faith and vision.

1. His Character, v. 25
2. His Attitude, v. 25
3. His Secret, v. 25
4. His Satisfaction, vv. 25-28
5. His Song, vv. 29-32
6. His Prophecy, vv. 33-35
7. His Anticipation, v. 29

Conclusion:

Simeon sees salvation from the Lord in his arms, and he glimpses Calvary as well. In time, this child will grow and an entire nation—an entire world!—will have to decide either to follow Him or oppose Him. Hearts will be revealed. God will see. Condemnation and salvation will come in one Savior sacrificed on a cross.

Jesus still exposes hearts and provokes opposition. Perhaps you don't know what you think about Jesus. Choose life. Choose Christ. Believe in Him so that you might be saved.