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Highlight

Promised Salvation

²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, Simeon went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” Luke 2:28-32

Explain

Mary and Joseph’s obedience to the Law, was part of how God fulfilled his promise of redemption through Jesus Christ. Upon holding baby Jesus, Simeon knew he held the Lord’s Messiah. He responded by praising God, affirming God’s faithfulness, and declaring Jesus as light and glory for all nations.

Apply

I need to do my part in my relationship with God. Pay attention to the work of the Holy Spirit. For He is at work in my life. Hold Christ in my heart. Obey His Word for it is Truth. Trust God because His promises are true. Respond to Christ’s gift of salvation in my life with thanksgiving and praise. Remember, salvation is for the world, those who are like me and those who are very different.

Respond

Lord, I pray that my eyes and heart will be opened to the wonders you have in store for me through the salvation Jesus Christ offers. Through His life He shows me how to love everyone unconditionally, through His death, He atones for my sin and through His resurrection, His lives on in glory to reign forever.

Find me faithful. May I trust you to be the promise maker and the promise keeper. May I respond through a life of praise and worship to you, our Sovereign Lord. Amen.