

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we considered the third Angelic Announcement, recorded in the book of Luke, regarding the Messianic nature of He who was born: Jesus of Nazareth! God was doing a work, through ordinary people, that marveled all of those who witnessed the rippling effects of these proclamations. The message was magnified through those who were at birth and naming of John, and those who heard the testimony of the shepherds.
- * Today, we transition to the next phase of God's proclamation of Jesus' Messianic claim - the prophetic announcements of Simeon and Anna. These occur during the process of Joseph and Mary fulfilling the Law regarding Jesus' birth. Leviticus 12:2-6 gives us the details of the Law regarding a woman giving birth to a son. The child was to be circumcised on the eighth day and then the woman was to present an offering for her purification on the 40th day. Hence, our passage today is 40 days after the birth of Jesus.

INSTRUCTION**I. SIMEON'S TESTIMONY (v. 25-35) ... *The Revelation of Redemption*****a. His A _____ (v. 25)**

* προσδεχομαι ... to welcome (to anticipate receiving; **to receive ahead of actually receiving!**)

* cf. Luke 2:38; Mark 15:43 and Luke 23:51; Titus 2:13; Jude 21; ... Luke 12:36; Acts 23:21; 24:15; ... Luke 15:2; Rom 16:2; Phil 2:29

b. His R _____ (v. 26-29)

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 25)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 26)

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 27)

c. His P _____ (v. 29-33)

1. THAT SIMEON WOULD SEE THE REDEEMER - BY DIVINE I _____

2. THAT GENTILES WOULD SEE THE REDEEMER - BY DIVINE I _____

d. His P _____ (v. 34-35)

1. THE IMPACT OF THE C _____

a. The R _____

b. The S _____

2. THE IMPACT UPON THE M _____

a. The P _____

b. The P _____

II. ANNA'S TESTIMONY (v. 36-38) ... *The Proclamation of Redemption***A. The Testimony of Her L _____**

1. SHE WAS _____

2. SHE WAS _____

3. SHE WAS _____

4. SHE WAS _____

B. The Testimony of Her W _____

1. SHE SPOKE OF _____

2. SHE SPOKE TO _____ (cf. Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

INTROSPECTION

- * There are those who are looking for redemption, and those who are not. Which are you?
- * What is the theme, and testimony, of your life and message? Is it the redemption of Christ?
- * Are you looking for the 2nd Coming of Christ ... As Simeon and Anna were looking for His 1st Coming?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Titus 2:11-14 and 1 Peter 1:13-21. What effect should the revelation and redemption of Christ have upon our lives?