

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Four weeks ago, in our last message from the book of Luke, we saw the prophetic announcements of Simeon and Anna regarding the redemptive work of Christ. These announcements occurred 40 days after the birth of Jesus while Joseph and Mary were going to the Temple to present an offering for her purification according to Levitical Law.
- \* Today's passage carries us up to when Jesus was twelve years old.
- \* As we consider the passage today, the major question that I am forced to ask myself is: "Where would I be found if others were looking for me?"
- \* Today, we consider the importance, and priority, of the Word of God in our lives.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE ACTIVITY OF J \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25-35)****A. Their Ad \_\_\_\_\_ to God's W \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 39-42)**

1. THEY P \_\_\_\_\_ ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE LORD (v. 39)

\* cf. Leviticus 12:2-6

2. THEY P \_\_\_\_\_ ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE LORD (v. 41-42)

\* cf. Exodus 23:14-17; Deuteronomy 16:1-8,16)

**B. Their Ad \_\_\_\_\_ with God's S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 43-46, 48, 50-51)**

1. THEIR P \_\_\_\_\_

2. THEIR T \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Luke 16:24,25; Acts 20:38)

**II. THE ACTIVITY OF J \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 40, 43, 46-52)****A. He Was Found at the Father's H \_\_\_\_\_**

1. HE DESIRED TO BE IN THE H \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (cf. Psalm 122:1)

2. HE DESIRED TO LEARN FROM THE W \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (cf. Philippians 2:5-8; 2 Peter 3:18)

**B. He Was Found at the Father's B \_\_\_\_\_**

1. HIS D \_\_\_\_\_

2. THEIR C \_\_\_\_\_

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* Where would you be found?
- \* How important is knowing and obeying the Word of God to you?
- \* How important is it to you to be with other believers and "in the house of God"?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

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

- \* What are ways that we can make reading and studying God's Word more appealing - both for the adults and children?