

1. SIMEON DECLARED: "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation"
 1. The child Jesus is here equated with God's salvation.
 2. He was God's prepared way to work out salvation for the world.
 3. Some have referred to Jesus as the TOUCHSTONE OF CHARACTER.
2. WHAT SIMEON SAW WHEN HE LOOKED UPON JESUS
 1. For one sublime moment Simeon stood upon the mountain top:
 1. He saw the world as it had been and he saw the ancient prophecies fulfilled concerning the Christ child.
 2. He saw the morning clouds crimsoning and he told his generation what he saw:
 1. Simeon looked far into the future, and saw the final goal of Christ's mission on earth.
 2. Holding Christ in his arms Simeon passed into life, and felt within his soul the rising of the waters that satisfy and fail us not but spring eternally.

THE LIFE OF JESUS

1. "A light to lighten the Gentiles." Luke 2:32
 1. Nations other than Israel.
 2. The darkness of 19 centuries has not been able to overcome that light.
 3. That darkness has not been able to extinguish:
 1. That light of hope, faith, and love kindled by the coming of Jesus Christ.
2. "And the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2:32
 1. The fall of Israel would be the riches of the Gentiles and that Israel's restoration if Israel would be restored, would be like the resurrection from the dead for the whole of humanity.
3. "This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel." Luke 2:34 Two groups involved:
 1. Those who would apprehend Christ as the Rock and find in him a spiritual sanctuary.
 2. Others would find in him a stumbling stone and a rock of offense. Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7, 8

4. "A sign which shall be spoken against." Luke 2:34
 1. A sign is a signal. In Scripture usage it denotes something or some one pointing to God.
 1. This sign may be and commonly is spoken against.
 2. Many neglect and reject the Christ.
 3. Despised and rejected of men, Christ was at last given into the hands of wicked men, to suffer death upon a cross of anguish and infamy. Isaiah 53:3 *We remember that Simeon said Matt 27:43*
 2. In our own day he is every where spoken against.
 1. While he was on the earth Jesus roused the bitterest opposition of those whose falsity he exposed:
 1. He exposed the hypocrisy and bitterness of the Pharisees and Sadducees and they did not like it.
 2. He denounced the existing idolatrous worship, the existing schools of thought of Stoics and the Epicureans and they did not like.
 2. In our day never has Christ been more denounced. "A sign more spoken against."
 1. Simeon said in Luke 2:35; "The thoughts of many hearts shall be revealed."
 2. Isaiah 7:14; "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
 3. It is a sign revealing the attitudes of many hearts.
 1. Never has there been a sign more spoken against than that of the Virgin Birth.
 2. The Virgin Birth and even the Resurrection of Christ reveals the attitude of human hearts.
 3. Many pseudo-preachers in our day deny both.
5. "A sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." V-3
 1. Here Simeon looked across three decades to a picture of a Man hanging on a cross, dying for the sins of his people. He saw Mary standing by with a broken heart.
6. "He took Jesus up in his arms." Luke 2:28; To depart in peace you must fully embrace Jesus as Simeon did.

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