

THAT WE MAY WORSHIP HIM

POST-ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2020



SIMEON

THE PROMISED PRAYER OF PEACE LUKE 2:25-35

As a faithful older man who had one persistent prayer, Simeon fervently asked God if by some miracle he would be allowed to finally see his people, Israel, receive the promised final rescue. He wanted to see the Messiah with his own eyes.

One day, the Holy Spirit led him to the temple. This same day, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus there to be circumcised and officially named. Simeon met Mary and Joseph, and found out the name of the babe in her arms was Yeshua (Jesus) which translates to “the Lord’s Salvation.”

Simeon asked if he could hold the baby in his arms. They agreed and he proceeded to personally thank God for answering a simple servant’s prayer to see with his eyes and hold in his hands, the Messiah of the whole world.





PASSIONATE PRAISE

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THE PASSIONATE PRAISING PROPHETESS LUKE 2:36-40

At 84 years old, she had lived her entire adult life serving God at the temple through fasting, prayer, and praise. Since her husband of seven years had died, she could be found at the temple day and night. It was understood by those who came to the temple that she was deemed a Prophetess of God.

On the same day of Jesus' dedication, she walked up as Simeon was speaking to Mary and Joseph about Jesus and realized that she too was in the presence of the newborn King of the Jews.

She began to talk about Jesus to "everyone who had been waiting for the promised King to come and deliver Jerusalem." She did so with the passion and praise of one selected by God as a Prophet.