# "An Old Man's Last Wish" Luke 2:25-35

If you could have one wish fulfilled before you die what would it be? In today's passage we meet an old man named Simeon, who hung out at the Temple and prayed for his nation. He was waiting for God to bring deliverance to Israel. At this stage of his life his only concern was to meet the Messiah. God granted his wish.

#### #1. SIMEON'S PERSONAL PROFILE – HE HAD HIS \_\_\_\_\_\_ RIGHT, v. 25

- A. Simeon was an old man a Spirit anointed prophet
- B. Simeon was righteous and devote
- C. Simeon was waiting for the consolation of Israel
- D. Simeon was praying as he was waiting

#### #2. SIMEON WAS DEEPLY \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT'S \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS LIFE, vv. 26-28

- A. The Spirit was on him
- B. The Spirit told him he would see Messiah before he dies
- C. The Spirit gave Simeon hope
- D. The Spirit directed him into the Temple courts
- E. The Spirit identified Joseph, Mary and Jesus

### #3. SIMEON'S PROPHETIC WORD ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ OF MESSIAH'S COMING, vv. 29-32

- A. Simeon is ready to die the promise is fulfilled
- B. Simeon's eyes have seen Jesus "your salvation"
- C. Simeon prophesied Messiah is for all nations, Gen 12:3, 18:18, Gal 3:8
- D. Simeon prophesied Messiah was also for the Gentiles, Isaiah 42:6-7

### #4. SIMEON'S PROPHETIC WORD THAT JESUS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ OF ALL HUMANITY, vv. 33-35

- A. Joseph & Mary marveled at his words
- B. Jesus is destined to cause the rising & falling of many
- C. Jesus is a sign that will be spoken against, Isa 8:14-15
- D. Jesus causes the thoughts of heart to be revealed
- E. Jesus' death on the cross will pierce Mary's soul, John 19:25-27
  NOTES:

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ANSWERS: Priorities, Aware, Presence, Heard, Universal Scope, Dividing Line.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce will continue his series titled "The Divine Intervention." His teaching will be from Luke's gospel and focus on an anointed prophet named Simeon.

#### ONLINE PRAYER MEETING BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 – 7PM

#### **SMALL GROUPS IN 2024**

One of our ministry goals for 2024 is to establish a small group ministry. There are many benefits to participating in a group that can help you grow spiritually. If you are interested in being involved in a group please sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com). Consider giving to the building fund so we can continue to upgrade our facility.

In order to replace the roof and do our electrical upgrades we had to borrow some money. Our debt is around \$19K, which we would like to eliminate ASAP. Would you prayerfully consider giving a little extra to pay off the loan so we can be debt free and avoid paying interest.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING – VISION 2024**

Will be January 14<sup>th</sup> during the service. Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2024, there will be a slide show about 2023 in review, presentation of the budget, followed by a potluck celebration.

### Welcome

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## Happy New Year!

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

Luke 2:34-35

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