

Three Testimonies and Five Applications: Obedience, Righteousness, Trust, Thankfulness and Revolving Around God

Luke 2:21-39

1. Obey God (Joseph and Mary's Conduct)

Galatians 4:4-5

A. Obey God's Concerning Your Children

- i. Circumcision

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child,

Leviticus 12:2-3; Genesis 17:12

- ii. Naming the Messiah

His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

- iii. Presenting Son

they brought Him to Jerusalem to present [Him] to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"),

Exodus 13:2

B. Obey God Concerning Yourself

- i. Birth purification

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed,

A woman who had a child was unclean for 40 days

Leviticus 12:4

- ii. Sacrifice

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord,

"A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Leviticus 12:6-8

2. Live Righteously (Simeon's Conduct)

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name [was] Simeon, and this man [was]

Simeon = harkening, hearing

A. Live according to God's Word

just - righteous, live in accordance with what is right

B. We need to cement ourselves in righteous living

and devout, - taking a strong hold of living righteously, implanting in it

3. Trust God Ways, and Praise Them (Simeon's Conduct)

A. We need to trust God's timing

- i. Simeon told by God he would not die, until he saw the Messiah

- ii. Simeon did not know God's timing, but He trusted God anyways

- iii. Simeon did not lose faith, or just wait, he actively served while waiting God's timing

waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Lord = The possessor and decider(kyros),

Christ = anointed

B. We need to praise God for what He does and has done, especially our salvation

- i. God keeps His Word

So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation

peace - contentment

ii. Salvation is for everyone

Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to [bring] revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

Isaiah 42:6

iii. Christ did not come to rule, but to save

a. Not everyone will believe

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this [Child] is destined for the fall

Fall = those who reject

and rising of many in Israel,

Rising = those who accept

b. Christ, God Himself, will be spoken against

and for a sign which will be spoken against

c. Mary was chose to serve God through suffering

"(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

4. Revolve Your Life Around God (Anna's Conduct)

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman [was] a widow of about eighty-four years,

Anna - lost husband after 7 years of marriage, maybe 84 years or even older

A. Live for God during the hard times

B. Make God the focus of your life

who did not depart from the temple, but served [God] with fastings and prayers night and day.

5. Thank Christ for what He did and proclaim it (Anna's Conduct)

A. Thank God for your salvation

And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord,

B. Tell others about Christ

and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

redemption - deliverance from penalty of sin

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their [own] city, Nazareth.