

## Luke 2:22-35

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

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When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and **praised** God, saying:

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have **promised**, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”*

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The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

“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. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

A night landscape with a bright star in the sky, falling snow, and a wooden fence in the foreground. The scene is dark with a starburst effect from a bright light source in the upper left. Snowflakes are falling throughout the scene. In the foreground, a wooden fence runs across the bottom. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a starry sky.

# SIMEON'S SONG

SONGS OF *Christmas*

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Psalm 145:1-9 – “They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and sing joyfully of your righteousness.”

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Psalm 145:1-9 – “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”

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Joshua 21:45 – “Not one of all the Lord's good promises to his people failed; **every one was fulfilled.**”

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2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness...”

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Galatians 4:4 – “But when **the set time had fully come**,  
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Isaiah 9:2 – The people walking in darkness have seen a great **light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a **light** has dawned.

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