



SEEING WHAT
OTHERS MISS

Luke 2:21-38

21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. 22 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 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 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.”

25 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.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms
and praised God, saying:

29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you
may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my
eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have
prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your
people Israel.”

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 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, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 16:9

9 For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.”

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in

Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

Ephesians 4:30-32

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of
redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage
and anger, brawling and slander, along with
every form of malice. 32 Be kind and
compassionate to one another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:5-8

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever

belongs to your earthly nature: sexual

immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires

and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because

of these, the wrath of God is coming.

7 You used to walk in these ways,
in the life you once lived. 8 But now
you must also rid yourselves of all
such things as these: anger, rage,
malice, slander, and filthy language
from your lips.

1 Timothy 4:8

8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.