

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"The Consolation of Israel"**  
**Luke 2:21-40**  
**Study-7**

**Luke 2:25** The word **consolation** - Greek word *paraklesis*, is used to describe the Holy Spirit "*The Comforter*" in **John 14:16** - The term "*The Consolation of Israel*" is a name for the Messiah used commonly among the Jews, **Isaiah 12:1; 49:13**

The consolation Jesus brought was better than any political freedom: **Jesus gave spiritual freedom and forgiveness of sin.**

Luke records the 8 days after birth then 40 days after birth.

Simeon and Anna are matched characters: Both were probably old **Luke 2:2:26-29, 36-37** both devout, both expected the consolation and the redemption, both were prophets.

**Luke's Purpose: "Knowing The Exact Truth About Jesus Christ" Luke 1:4**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "All Who Trust In Jesus, Know That Jesus Is Truly The Consolation Of Israel And The Consolation Of All Who Believe."

- 1. Verses 21-24 Jesus And Moses**
- 2. Verses 25-35 Jesus And Simeon**
- 3. Verses 36-40 Jesus And Anna**

**1. Verses 21-24 Jesus And Moses**

**Luke 2:21 And when eight days had passed,**

**Context** - This is 8 days after Jesus' birth **Luke 2:1-20.**

Mary and Joseph obeyed the Law by having Jesus circumcised 8 days later.

**Circumcision** - Started with Abraham in **Genesis 17:12**

It was a sign that Abraham was in a covenant relationship with God.

(Outward sign of the new birth of God's righteousness by faith)

**Romans 4:11** John the Baptist was circumcised **Luke 1:59**

**Jesus, "Jehovah is salvation"** - His name speaks of Jesus' mission to save.

**Philippians 2:9**

**the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.**  
(Gabriel said to Joseph **Matthew 1:21**) Gabriel said to Mary (**Luke 1:31**)  
from His Father.

**Luke 2:22 And when the days for their purification**  
This was 40 days after birth. A birth brought defilement.  
(Jesus is identifying with a sinful world) (**Leviticus 12:2-8**)

**according to the law of Moses** Notice the word **law** – used **5 times** in  
these verses.  
**Galatians 4:4-5**

**Luke 2:23** That every first-born son was to be redeemed.  
(**Exodus 13:2; Numbers 3:13, 18:15**)

**Luke 2:24 The Truth - Only God Can Redeem Us:**  
It was God who delivered Israel when the angel of death passed over.  
It was not their cleverness!

**"A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."**  
**Leviticus 12:8** states that if one cannot afford a lamb, they can substitute  
with doves or pigeons.

Our sufficiency Is In Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 3:5**

## **2. Verses 25-35 Jesus And Simeon**

**Luke 2:25 Simeon** - *root; "to hear intelligently, to give attention,  
obedience to, perceive"*

**Simeon** – Was what the nation of Israel should have been, looking for  
consolation:

**and this man was righteous** righteousness that can only come through  
faith.

**and devout,** This speaks of the works with a right heart that followed his  
faith in God.

**consolation** - is a name for the Messiah. The God of Comfort who came to  
give spiritual freedom and forgiveness of sin.

**and the Holy Spirit was upon him.** Uncommon experience (Select Few)  
prior to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit being poured out.

**Luke 2:26 revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit is the source of revelation and testimony. (**Holy Spirit Illuminates God's Word, When Bible Speaks, God Speaks!**)

**Luke 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple;**

A special sensitivity in that the Holy Spirit directed Simeon to enter the temple he had a desire; a thought.

**to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,**  
(Offered 5 shekels for the child, then the child receives a blessing/prayer)

**Luke 2:28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, Simeon was holding in his arms the Son of God.**

**Verses 29-32 Simeon's Song (5<sup>th</sup> Song):**

**Luke 2:29 According to Your word;** What word was that? **Luke 2:26**

**"Now Lord, You are releasing** *"the freeing of a slave from keeping watch"* **Your bond-servant to depart in peace,**

**We are never ready to die until we have seen Jesus!**

**According to Your word; KJV Psalms 138:2 for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**

**Luke 2:30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation,**  
**(That's The Person Jesus)**  
**John 14:6** This is a person!

**How do we see Jesus today? Ephesians 1:23**

**Luke 2:31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,**  
This birth of Jesus was foretold by the prophets and the religious leaders knew that it was so.

**Luke 2:32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION** (The Truth Leading To God)  
**TO THE GENTILES,** Salvation was not exclusively for Israel but it was for all the nations.

**And the glory of Your people Israel."**  
Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant promises

**Luke 2:33 His father and mother were amazed –**  
(Amazed 13 times in Luke) *"to wonder, and marvel at"*  
**Context** *"light of revelation to the gentiles"*

**Verses 34-35 The Mission Of Jesus: Luke 2:34 And Simeon blessed them,** He pronounced a blessing from God upon them.

**the fall and rise of many in Israel, Isaiah 8:14; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 1 Peter 2:6-8**

**appointed for the fall (Negative)**

It was foretold that Jesus was to be rejected **Isaiah 8:14**

**and rise of many in Israel, (Positive)**

Believing resulting in resurrection to life eternal.

**and for a sign to (Point to God) be opposed— (Negative)**

Those who would oppose God and reject His message and offer of salvation through faith.

**John 7:5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.**

**Luke 2:35 and a sword (Large Sword) will pierce even your own soul—** Mary would stand at the foot of the cross and there see her son hanging there.

**to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."**

Jesus was God in the flesh. He knew what was in the heart of man.

**God's Word exposes us and reveals what is really there.**

**Hebrews 4:12**

**John 2:24-25** Jesus knew the religious.

**Luke 6:8 But He knew what they were thinking,**

**"Jesus is not only a revelation; in revealing God, He also reveals us"**

**Simeon is a faithful servant of God that held on in hope!**

### **3. Verses 36-40 Jesus And Anna**

**Luke 2:36 And there was a prophetess,** OT was "*fore-telling*" then in the NT it came to be more "*forth-telling*"

It came to mean the forth-telling of God's Word, His message.

**Prophetess –** The term is used **8 times.**

This does not mean that women were pastors.

**Anna the daughter of Phanuel, "the face of God" of the tribe of Asher**  
(One of The Lost 10 Tribes)

**seven years after her marriage,**  
married a relatively short time of 7 years.

**Luke 2:37 (NIV) 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.**  
Married when she was a teen, Anna could have been 105 years.

**How Anna Spent Her Time: She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.**

This is a model for devotion to the Lord. **1 Timothy 5:9-10**

**Anna** – Teaches us that a life given to God is to be a life of consistency. That no matter how old we are we can serve God.

**Luke 2:38 Jesus' Mission Was To Redeem: and continued to speak of Him** - Anna continued her forth-telling.

**Luke 2:39-40**

**Doctor Luke's Evaluation Of Jesus: The Child continued to grow and become strong,** - Jesus continued to grow physically.

**increasing in wisdom;** Jesus continued to grow intellectually.

**and the grace of God was upon Him.** Jesus continued to grow spiritually.

### **Application:**

- 1.** No Matter What My Age Is, God Has A Place That I Can Serve Him In.
- 2.** The Only Title That Matters Is That Of Being A Faithful Servant Of God.
- 3.** Anna's Witness Of Consistent Obedience Resulted In Fruitfulness.
- 4.** Salvation Is A Person Called The Way, The Truth And The Life, Jesus.