



A Topical Study Paper Submission for:
Skip's Bible Study Members

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An Outline Study On The Greatest Gift Ever Given

Since we have no Bible Study Meeting on this Christmas Day, Pappy thought someone might want to take a VOLUNTARY lesson/study on one of the most dramatic Prophecies ever foretold (Isaiah 7:1) binding the Old and New Testament together? > The Prophecy fulfillment of Simeon for this week's Outline Lesson.

“For Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation,”

Read Luke 2:21-35

1. Context

- - - Setting: The Temple in Jerusalem.
- - - Timeframe: Shortly after Jesus' birth.
- - - Cultural and Historical Background: Understanding Jewish customs and the expectation of the Messiah during this period.

2. Characters

- - - Simeon: A devout and righteous man, waiting for the "consolation of Israel."
- - - Holy Spirit's Role: Guiding Simeon to the temple.
- - - Jesus and His Family: Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple to fulfill Jewish purification laws.

3. Key Verses and Themes

- - - Verse 25-27: Introduction of Simeon, led by the Spirit to the Temple.
- - - Verse 28-32: Simeon's praise and prophecy, recognizing Jesus as the Messiah.
 - - - Light to the Gentiles: Significance of this phrase in a predominantly Jewish context.
 - - - Glory to Israel: Understanding how Jesus represents this glory.
- - - Verse 33-35: Simeon's words to Mary, predicting Jesus' impact and Mary's suffering.
 - - - A Sign that Will Be Opposed: The anticipated rejection of Jesus.
 - - - Mary's Sorrow: Foreshadowing the pain of Jesus' crucifixion.

4. Theological Implications

- - - Consolation of Israel: Exploring the concept of Messianic hope.
- - - Salvation: Discussion of how this passage presents Jesus as the means of salvation for both Jews and Gentiles.
- - - Faith and Revelation: The role of faith in recognizing Jesus as the Messiah.

5. Applications and Reflections

- - - Personal Faith Journey: How Simeon's faith and patience can be a model for believers.
- - - Global and Ecumenical Perspectives: Understanding the inclusion of Gentiles in the promise of salvation.

6. Historical and Scholarly Perspectives

- - - Jewish Messianic Expectations: How Jesus' arrival fits into these expectations.
- - - Christian Interpretations: How different Christian traditions have understood this passage.

7. Comparative Analysis

- - - Old Testament Prophecies: Linking Simeon's prophecy to Isaiah and other prophets.
- - - Synoptic Gospels: Comparing Luke's account with Matthew and Mark, if applicable.

8. Critical Questions and Debates

- - - Historicity: Debates regarding the historicity of this event.
- - - Symbolic Interpretations: Exploring symbolic meanings attributed to Simeon's prophecy.

9. Conclusion

- - - Summarize the significance of the passage in the context of the Gospel of Luke and the wider Christian narrative.

OUTLINE HOMEWORK

(fill in your takeaway from this outline)

Passage - -

Theme or Subject - -

Purpose or Goal - -

Introduction - -

Major Points - -

Minor Points - -

Conclusion - -

Application - -