

THE FAITH OF SIMEON AND ANNA

Luke 2:21-40

Key Verse: 2:30-32

1. Read verse 21. What was the meaning of circumcision? (Ge 17:1-14; Ro 2:29; Dt 30:6) Why was the Son of God treated in such an ordinary way? (Heb 2:17) How does naming the baby "Jesus" show Jesus' parents' faith? (39-40)
2. Read verses 22-24. What did they offer when they brought him to the temple after Mary's time of purification? Why? (Ex 13:2,12; Lev 12:8) What does their offering reveal about their family? (2Co 8:9) How does Jesus make us rich?
3. Read verses 25-28. What kind of man was Simeon? What kind of faith did he have? What was his hope? How did he come to have such a sure hope?
4. Read verses 29-32 (Isa 49:6). What does it mean that Jesus is a light to the Gentiles? Glory to Israel? Read verses 33-35. What does it mean that he will cause the falling and rising of many? (See Lk 20:17,18) That a sword will pierce Mary's soul?
5. Read verses 36-38. Who was Anna? How did she overcome her sorrowful situation? Why did she rejoice and thank God? What promise of God do you have in your heart? Why? What is your prayer topic?