

Joshua:

Joshua 4:14—“On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.”

Joshua 24:15—“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

David:

I Samuel 13:14—“The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people...”

Barnabas:

Acts 11:23-24—“When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.”

Paul:

II Timothy 4:7-8—“⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...”

Because of Anna’s great spiritual character her testimony of Christ
(22)_____ something special to people – does yours?

Additional Notes: _____



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“Why I Believe In Santa Claus: The Spirit of Christmas Lives On!”
Sunday Evening, December 20th, 2009

Message #5: “The Grandfather and Grandmother of Christmas”
Luke 2:22-38
Pastor Christian Newsome

Luke 2:22-24—“Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”),²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

SET THE SCENE:

“days of her purification were completed” – This narrative takes place
(1)_____ days after the birth of Jesus.

“according to the law of Moses” – Both Mary and Joseph show tremendous
(2)_____ to the Old Testament law.

“pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons” – This shows the
(3)_____ of Mary and Joseph.

“What We Can Learn from ‘The Grandfather’ and ‘Grandmother’ of Christmas”

Simeon – Living and Driven by the (4)_____ – v. 25-35

Luke 2:25-35—²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple.

Answers: 1-40 2-obedience 3-poverty 4-Spirit 5-identify 6-prophecy 7-promised 8-divisive 9-opposed 10-broken 11-heart 12-sorrowful 13-peace 14-faithful 15-teacher 16-Jewish 17-18-50 19-lived 20-served 21-legacy 22-meaning

This wasn't simply spiritual discernment, but God has chosen Simeon to

(5) _____ the Christ child and

(6) _____ His dynamic ministry.

- His Identification of the Christ Child – v. 27-33

Luke 2:27-33—“And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

*²⁹ “ Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;*

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

³² A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,

And the glory of Your people Israel.”

³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.”

- The Child would be the God's salvation.
- The Child would be God's "light" to the Gentiles.
- The Child would be the "glory" of Israel.

Joseph and Mary were seeing what God had (7) _____
them come true.

- His Prophecy of the Christ child – v. 34-35

*Luke 2:34-35—“Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother,
“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and
for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ (yes, a sword will pierce through
your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”*

- He would be (8) _____ in Israel.
- He would be (9) _____ in Israel.
- Mary's heart would be (10) _____ by the
treatment of Him.
- He would reveal people's true (11) _____.

Mary and Joseph must have lived their life with a (12) _____
joy.

Luke 2:19—“But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

APPLICATION: Because Simeon led his life guided by the Holy Spirit he
declared that he would die in (13) _____.

Anna – A (14) _____ Servant – v. 36-38

*Luke 2:36-38—“³⁶ Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Pha-
nuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband
seven years from her virginity; ³⁷ and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four
years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and
prayers night and day. ³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord,
and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”*

Who was Anna?

- She was an Old Testament (15) _____.
- She was distinctly (16) _____.
- Her husband died after they were married only (17) _____ years.
- She had remained a widow for the rest of her life – more than
(18) _____ years most likely!

What did Anna do for these 50 years?

- She (19) _____ at the temple.
- She (20) _____ God.
- She left a (21) _____ of fastings and prayers.

WHAT IS YOUR SPIRITUAL LEGACY?

Abraham:

*James 2:23—“And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God,
and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of
God.”*

Moses:

*Deuteronomy 34:10-12—“But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet
like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ in all the signs and wonders
which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his
servants, and in all his land, ¹² and by all that mighty power and all the great terror
which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.”*