

SEEING THE SAVIOR

LUKE 2:25-32

When Jesus was still a tiny baby, Mary and Joseph took Him to God's house, the temple in Jerusalem. They did this because God had given rules in the Bible to help families remember that everything belongs to Him—even their children. Mary and Joseph wanted to show God that they loved Him and trusted Him, so they obeyed what God said to do. They also brought a small sacrifice, which showed thankful and humble hearts. At the temple was a man named Simeon. Simeon loved God very much and had been waiting a long time for God to send the Savior. God's Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would see the Savior before he died. Every day, Simeon trusted God and waited patiently. That day, the Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple at just the right time. When Simeon saw baby Jesus, God helped him understand that this baby was the Savior everyone had been waiting for. Simeon picked Jesus up, thanked God, and felt peaceful and joyful. He knew God had kept His promise. Simeon said Jesus was God's salvation and a light for all people.

What can we learn from this portion of scripture?



God promised Simeon that he would see the Savior before he died. Simeon trusted God and kept waiting. At the right time, God brought Simeon to the temple and let him see baby Jesus. God never forgot His promise.

Lots of people saw baby Jesus that day, but Simeon knew who He really was. God's Spirit helped Simeon understand that Jesus was the Savior sent for everyone. The Holy Spirit guides us and we can always count on him!