

## **“An Invitation to Marvel”**

Luke 2:25-35

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***Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,***

***<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant<sup>[a]</sup> depart in peace, according to your word;***

***<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation***

***<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,***

***<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”***

***<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”***

***English Standard Version***

**I: SIMEON'S FIRST REMINDER:**

- Christmas reveals how we all search for comfort

**II: SIMEON'S SECOND REMINDER:**

- Christmas is about receiving comfort from Christ above all else

III: SIMEON'S BIG REMINDER:

- Christmas invites us to trade in the inadequacy of worldly comfort for the all sufficient comfort of Christ.

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.