

*“Christmas Faces Of Faith: Simeon”*

Luke 2:25-35

INTRO: As the years of Daniel’s 70 weeks of years passed, the fervor of the Messianic Hope intensified. A remnant of faithful men and women held to it tenaciously. One, a man by the name of Simeon, was told by God that before he would die, he would see that hope realized. Now as Joseph and Mary hand him their son, he sees for the first time, and perhaps the last, the One he had faithfully awaited. His godly life of faith was rewarded with this incredible moment.

I. THE PORTRAIT v. 25

II. THE PROMISE vv. 26, 29

III. THE PROVIDENTIAL LEADING v. 27

IV. THE PRIESTHOOD v. 28

V. THE PRAISE SONG vv. 29-32

VI. THE PRONOUNCEMENT vv. 33-34a

VII. THE PROPHECY vv. 34b-35

CONCL: “Joseph and [Mary] marveled.” Indeed. can you not just imagine how they were stunned by the developments that arose from a simple desire to fulfill the law as regards Mary’s purification and Jesus’ redemption? Yet, how Simeon too must have been stunned. After all his years of living with faith in God’s promise, now it all came to pass just as God said it would. What a day! What a great Christmas face of faith!!

*“Christmas Faces Of Faith: Anna”*

Luke 2:36-38

INTRO: Just like Simeon, Anna was a part of the faithful remnant awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. The Prophetess knew God’s Word and trusted it. Now, as she entered the temple court that day to worship the Lord as she had for 84 years, little did she know that the One for Whom she prayed would come into her presence. Her godly life of faith was rewarded with this incredible moment.

I. THE PORTRAIT v. 36-37a

II. THE PERSEVERANCE v. 37b

III. THE PASSION v. 37c

IV. THE PRAISE v. 38a

V. THE PROCLAMATION v. 38b

CONCL: Suddenly, in a moment of incredible drama, Anna’s life would be changed for eternity. Her ministry of petition for the Messiah to come would change to a life of proclamation that the Messiah has come. How thrilled those of the faithful remnant must have been to hear her astonishing news. All had come to pass just as God said it would. What a day! What a great Christmas face of faith!!