

So Good I Could Die

Celebrating God with *Hope (Simeon)*
Luke 2:21-35

A polarizing person: Abraham Lincoln—some rejoiced and some seceded.

The Situation: Jesus is presented to God.

The man: Simeon. “There was a man in Jerusalem.”

The Event: Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and says what is true about Him.

The Question: How will you respond to the polarizing Person in Luke 2?

Simeon recognized...that Jesus was the *Messiah*.

Simeon related to God...with *biblical hope*.

- God had promised Simeon that he would see the Messiah.
- In the Bible “hope” is settled conviction, a sure certainty, an absolute assurance, or an unshakable expectation about what will assuredly happen. Heb.11:1, 6.

Simeon responded to God...by *blessing God and telling the truth to man*.

- To bless God means to:
- To tell the truth to man means to:

Please see this! *Jesus is the Messiah...and because He is we bless God and tell others!*

Your spiritual “Ten Most Wanted” List:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Go build relationships. Love them. Tell them what is true about Jesus.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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Please read: Luke 2:21-35 each day this week.

- **Today.** In verse 25 what was Simeon looking for? Spiritually, what are you looking for?
- **Monday.** What are the five plus things that Simeon knew about Jesus? What do you know about Him?
- **Tuesday.** If “biblical hope” means “a settled certainty about what will happen” what are the spiritual applications for you personally?”
- **Wednesday.** Please read Hebrews 11:1, 6. What do you need to hope for right now—to have a settled certainty that God will do?
- **Thursday.** What does it mean for you personally to bless God with your life right now?
- **Friday.** Please fill out the “Ten Most Wanted List” above for your network of relationships and follow the “build, pray, say” plan.
- **Saturday.** To be ready to hear from God tomorrow please read and reflect on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

Note for Connection Groups: The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at:

www.cypressbible.org (Quick Menu / Connect / Sermon Based Small Group Material).



CELEBRATING GOD WITH OUR WHOLE LIVES

“Eight People Who Encountered God”

Series Summary Chart

God is great! As His people we must RECOGNIZE who He is, RELATE to Him personally by drawing near, and RESPOND in ways that honor Him and align our lives with His Word and His Character.

For these past eight weeks we have examined eight passages in which eight separate people had remarkable encounters with God. This has helped us to see what we should RECOGNIZE about God, how we should RELATE to God, and how we should RESPOND to God.

Date	Passage	Person	Recognized...	Related to God...	Responded to God ...
Aug 22	2 Samuel 6:12-23	David	<i>The blessing of being near to God.</i>	<i>With a singular focus of drawing near in fellowship.</i>	<i>With whole-hearted celebration of God.</i>
Aug 29	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Samuel	<i>God as a Communicator.</i>	<i>As a servant – with active listening, and receptivity.</i>	<i>By hearing and sharing the message.</i>
Sept 5	Isaiah 6	Isaiah	<i>God is holy and glorious.</i>	<i>With humble confession.</i>	<i>With willing Obedience.</i>
Sept 12	Genesis 32:24-32	Jacob	<i>God is engaging and capable of blessing</i>	<i>With unrelenting engagement.</i>	<i>With confession and submission.</i>
Sept 19	Mark 14:3-9	Mary of Bethany	<i>God as worthy of anointing.</i>	<i>With devotion and gratitude.</i>	<i>With an extravagant gift.</i>
Sept 26	1 Kings 19:1-21	Elijah	<i>God as the Giver of rest and recalibration.</i>	<i>With sleeping and listening.</i>	<i>By taking rest and returning to service.</i>
Oct 3	Genesis 16:1-15; 21:9-21	Hagar	<i>God as the compassionate One Who sees.</i>	<i>With Trust.</i>	<i>With obedience.</i>
Oct 10	Luke 2:21-35	Simeon	<i>God as faithful and Jesus is Messiah.</i>	<i>With hope.</i>	<i>By celebrating God and telling the truth to man.</i>