

A Little Hope

Luke 2:21-40

I. Doing the things

A. Circumcision and presentation in Jerusalem are about commitment to raising Jesus rightly

1. Every parent has a hope their children and who they will become
2. Every parent has fears of failure

B. This Jesus is Someone special, but also Someone common

1. Outwardly He was just like any other baby
2. His parents were just like any other parents
3. He was one of us (Isa 53:2-3)

II. Unexpected, but Anticipated

A. Simeon

1. He was waiting for the “coming together” of Israel (God’s people)

a) *They were are fractured, broken, weak, confused, selfish*

b) *He longs to bring His people together (Luke 13:34)*

2. The Spirit working

a) *God fulfills His promise of Hope*

b) *Simeon Prophecies*

(1) Jesus makes an impact on destiny

(2) Jesus reveals hearts (Mark 10:17-23)

(3) A likely reference to Jesus death

B. Anna

1. Devoted to God
2. Thankful for what was to come

a) *Redemption- restoration*

b) *Wants to share it*

C. Jesus

1. Strong in Spirit - listening to God and obeying
2. Wise – sees how things work and acting
3. Grace - God is giving Him all He needs

When God tells us something either in the Bible, or personally, we can have hope that it will happen. Sometimes He show us the pieces of His plan moving. We should be thankful and share what God has given and shown us. We should pray to be strong in Spirit & filled with wisdom. God will give us grace.