

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” –Jeremiah 29:13

Luke 2:21-38

- Simeon and Anna see the baby Jesus at the temple and worship God
- Those who desire to “see” Jesus will have that desire met by God
- God keeps His promises

Mary and Joseph were so happy to have baby Jesus! The angels had told them that Jesus was the promised Messiah—the One God had promised all those years ago. The first time God promised Jesus would come was way back when Adam and Eve first sinned. God told Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15 that He would send a Savior “born of a woman” to be the substitute for them...that this One would take the punishment of their sin and crush God’s enemy, Satan! All through the Bible God promised Jesus would come and God always keeps His promises!

Simeon and Anna were two old people that lived in Jerusalem. Both Simeon and Anna knew God’s promises. Simeon and Anna trusted God. Simeon and Anna searched God’s word and looked for His promises. They prayed to God and God answered their prayers. Even though they were both very old, God had promised they would see God’s promise of the Messiah come true. They believed God. They stayed in the temple of God day and night waiting every day to see if that day would be the day they would see the Messiah—God’s promised Savior. Day in and day out for many, many years they waited. They prayed, they served God, they told others, “God is about to keep His promise! God’s Messiah is coming—be ready!” Now Simeon and Anna were very old; but they kept trusting God would keep His promise.

And then it happened! One day a young couple came into the temple. They were very poor. But they had a beautiful little baby boy-only 8 days old with them. They were keeping all of the laws of God just right. They brought their little baby and they would do and offer exactly what they were commanded by the law of God.

Simeon saw Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus! Simeon rushed over to them and as Simeon looked at the baby Jesus, Simeon knew this was God’s promised Messiah! Simeon took Jesus into his arms and praised God! (Read verses 29-32)

At the same time Anna came too! She saw baby Jesus and praised God! God made known to Anna-this is it! This is the promise of God come true! She was so happy!

Simeon and Anna had waited for so long; they had both looked for Jesus and God made sure they saw Him. People who seek and search for Jesus will always be satisfied. God loves for people to search for Him! God will always keep His promises and God promises that all who look for Him will find Him!

1. How old was baby Jesus when Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple for the first time?
2. Why did they have to take Jesus to the temple? (to fulfill all God required)
3. Who was looking for the Messiah to come?
4. What does Messiah mean?
5. Were Simeon and Anna young or old?
6. Who wants us to look for Him?
7. Who is happy when people look for Him?
8. Will Jesus hide from people or be found by those who look for Him?