

The Cast of Christmas: Simeon and Anna

Isaiah 42:1-9 ❖ Luke 2:21-40

*"I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor, orn'ry people
Like you and like I."*

(Appalachian Carol)

The Faithfulness of Jesus' Parents

How old were you the first time you went to Church?

How old was Jesus the first time He was taken to the synagogue?

"Joseph and Mary did _____ required by the law of the Lord" (Lk 2:39) by fulfilling three Old Testament requirements for parents: _____, purification of the _____ and consecration of the firstborn with a _____. (Lk 2:21-24)

In addition, Joseph and Mary named their son Jesus, the name the _____ had given Him _____. He was conceived (Lk 2:21).

What are some of the ways parents "raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"?

Simeon's Faithfulness

Who was Simeon?

What had the Holy Spirit revealed to Simon?

Who or what do you hope to see before you die?

Who did Simeon "take in his arms" (Lk 2:28)?

What did Simeon say/sing? (Lk 2:29-32)

Who do you have to see in order to "die in peace" (Lk 2:29)?

Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be "a light for the _____" (Isaiah 42:6).

Is it any wonder "the Child's father and mother _____ at what was said about Him" (Lk 2:33)?!

How it must have hurt Mary to hear a prophecy that people would "speak _____ her child" (Lk 2:34) and that what would one day happen to her child would "_____ her own soul, too" Lk 2:35)!

How it must have also hurt _____ to hear those prophecies!

God revealed to Simeon that his greatest need and every person's greatest need is _____.

Anna's Faithfulness

Who was Anna?

What did Anna do every day?

Because Anna was at the Temple, she heard _____ song.

What two things did Anna do when she saw Simeon holding Jesus?

How often do we go to Church? What might we be missing if we don't go?!

God revealed to Anna that her greatest need and her people's greatest need was _____.

Our Faithfulness

On this Sunday after Christmas, have you opened your gift?

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the _____ of God - not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Like Simeon and Anna, have you "seen your salvation, your redemption" (Lk 2:30, 38), the Baby who "did come for to _____?"

