

Sermon Notes

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The Consolation

Luke 2:21-39

I. THE CONSOLATION OF JESUS IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

(Luke 2:25,28,29) And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ...Then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart in peace, according to Thy word."

II. THE CONSOLATION OF JEUS IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH NEUTRALITY.

(Luke 2:33-35) And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

III. THE CONSOLATION OF JESUS IS COSTLY BEYOND MEASURE.

(Luke 2:21-24) And when eight days were complete, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." (Galatians 4:4,5) But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.