

Simeon

A righteous and godly and *patient* man!

Luke 2:25-35

How would we describe Simeon?

- **1--he was led by the Spirit:**

**Are you being led by the Spirit?
Can you sense his tug, push, or
pull? Simon was controlled and led
by the Spirit.**

How would we describe Simeon?

- **2--He was patiently waiting for the “consolation of Israel”.**

**The Israelites waited 400 years for God’s deliverance from Egypt. They waited again to return to the city from Babylon. They waited centuries for the promised Messiah.
Patience = contented waiting**

- **How patient are you? Do you wait for God's answer, or do you go ahead like King Saul, with your own plan?**

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- **3--he was a man ready to face death. “You may now dismiss your servant in peace (v. 29).”**
- **Mt. Henry: “See here, how comfortable the death of a good man; he departs in peace with God, peace with his own conscience, in peace with death.”**

How would we describe Simeon?

4. He was a man who knew the promises of God well. He gave us a compilation of OT Scriptures: Isaiah 52:10, “The Lord will demonstrate his holy power before the eyes of all nations. The ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.”

Is. 46:13; 42:6-7; Isaiah 40:5; 49:6.

Foreshadowing of the Great Commission. Acts 4:12; Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Pet. 2:6, 7.

Keys to Simeon's patient waiting

- 1. He waited until the Spirit made things clear.**
- 2. He was confident that the consolation of Israel was coming in his life. He had faith in God's promises.**
- 3. He was ready to meet the Lord. Again he knew God's timing was best.**
- 4. He was immersed in the Scriptures. The word of God always pointed him to God's ultimate plan for the universe. He was willing to wait for that to be fulfilled.**

How's your patience (contented waiting)?

- **Is your life quiet, assured, full of faith in the God who does not lie?
You can be patient by faith!**
- **1. Realize that you already have patience as a fruit of the Spirit**
- **2. Express your faith to God that he is able to empower you to be patient.**
- **3. Watch God bless you with a patient spirit!**