

**THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS**

“Bucket List”: The Song of Simeon  
Luke 2:25-35

A bucket list is a list of things we want to accomplish before we “kick the bucket” (or die). Often we see these as the answer to peace and contentment. But the search for peace and contentment can be elusive, depending on what’s on your bucket list. Simeon is an example of a man who had a bucket list fulfilled and as a result found complete peace and contentment. This Christmas we too can find complete peace and contentment if we develop a heart like Simeon.

SIMEON’S PROMISE (Luke 2:25-27a)

Simeon’s life was defined by his faith in a promise.

*It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. (v26)*

1. Simeon’s character. r \_\_\_\_\_ and d \_\_\_\_\_. (Deut 6:5; Lk 10:27; Matt 6:33)
2. Simeon’s confidence. (Isa 40:1; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 1:8)
3. Simeon’s control. H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:16-17; Rom 8:14)

SIMEON’S PRAISE (The Song of Simeon-Luke 2:27b-32)

Simeon’s peace was fulfilled by receiving the Messiah as God’s salvation

Simeon’s bucket list:

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation. (v29-30)*

1. Simeon’s confession. To see Jesus is to see God’s s \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 10:32; 1 John 4:15)

2. Jesus, God’s salvation, was prepared for a \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 1:16; 2 Peter 3:9)

3. Jesus, God’s salvation, is the Savior of the world and the glory of Israel. (Lk 2:32; Isa 42:6-7,45:25,49:6;John 8:12,14:6.)

SIMEON’S PROPHECY (Luke 2:33-35)

Simeon’s faith was in the Messiah as revealed through God’s Word by His Holy Spirit. Simeon knew Christ was a sign of both God’s love and God’s judgment. All are called to make a choice which would not be easy.

1. The Messiah creates a great divide. (Isa 8:14-15; 1 Cor 1:18)
2. The Messiah reveals if our hearts are for or against God.
3. The Messiah causes every person to make a choice. (Matt 16:21-23)

True contentment and peace come to those who embrace Jesus Christ as their Messiah. (John 14:27)