

Anticipating the Messiah

Luke 2:21-38

Introduction: The power of anticipation and hope

- Proverbs 13:12 and Hebrews 6:19

I. The Circumcision of Baby Jesus (v. 21)

- Genesis 17:2

II. The Experience of Simeon (vv. 22-35)

- A. After the days of purification - 40 days
- B. An offering was required - Leviticus 12
- C. When the parents came, Simeon saw
Jesus
- D. Simeon knew the Messiah's salvation
was for all
- E. He knew the Messiah would divide
humanity
- F. He knew Mary's soul would be
pierced

III. The Experience of Anna (vv. 36-38)

- A. "Anna" (NT) = "Hannah" (OT)
- B. She was a prophetess and a widow
- C. She was 84 years old
- D. She served God in the temple
- E. She saw Jesus and spoke of His
redemption

Conclusion: We need to repent to be saved