



# Simeon & The Power Of

## God's Mysterious/Mystifying Timing

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there.*

—Luke 2:25-28 (NLT)

## Simeon's Story Teaches Me...

### 1. Israel Is Expecting God's Invasion.

- *I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel.*

—Genesis 3:15 (NCV)

- *The LORD is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.*

—Habakkuk 2:20 (NLT)

- *“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple.*

—Malachi 3:1 (NLT)

- *Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus... Then it was time for their purification offering... so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord... So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord.*

—Luke 2:21-24 (NLT)

## 2. Waiting Is Part Of God's Plan.

- *At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel... He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation."*

—Luke 2:25-30 (NLT)

- *But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!*

—Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

## 3. To Be Becoming While I Wait.

- *Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times- speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly- and so become more and more in every way like Christ.*

—Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

- *And all of us... can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.*

—2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NLT)

- *At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon... eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him.*

—Luke 2:25 (NLT)

- *Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business... And Jesus continued to advance in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

—Luke 2:52 (NIV)

## **My Goals For 2022**

*The LORD says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it?”*

—Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

*And Jesus continued to advance in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

—Luke 2:52 (NIV)

**Mental goal:**

**Physical goal:**

**Social goal:**

**Spiritual goal:**