

Lesson 7 Handout – Luke 2:21-40

Luke 2:21 (NASB95)

²¹And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Leviticus 12:3 (NASB95)

³On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Luke 2²²And 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

²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"),

²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

Leviticus 12:1–8 (NASB95)

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying: 'When a woman gives birth and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean for seven days, as in the days of her menstruation she shall be unclean.

³On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

⁴Then she shall remain in the blood of her purification for thirty-three days; she shall not touch any consecrated

thing, nor enter the sanctuary until the days of her purification are completed.

⁵But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of her purification for sixty-six days.

⁶When the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting a one year old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering.

⁷Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, whether a male or a female.

⁸But if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons, the one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.' "

Exodus 13:2 (NASB95)

²"Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

Exodus 13:12 (NASB95)

¹²you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.

Proverbs 11:27 (AMP)

²⁷He who diligently seeks good seeks [God's] favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come upon him.

Luke 2:25 Now 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.

Isaiah 25:9 (NASB95)

⁹And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."





Luke 2:26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

²⁸then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and

²⁹"Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word;

³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

In his book, "In Search of Morality Living a Fulfilled Life from the Inside Out." Robert A. Schuller writes, "It may

increase your patience to realize that every minute you have is another gift from God. The minute you are living through right now is a gift from God. So when God tells you to wait for Him, He is perfectly within His rights. He is asking you to give back to Him what He has already given to you.”

Fresh Sermons from Dr. Jim Wilson

We are only impatient if we think time belongs to us, but when we know it belongs to God, we have the capacity to be patient. Are you willing to trust in him when you are living in the middle of the story, or do you want to fast forward to the end? Do you want to skip the struggle to get to the resolution, or even in the struggle are you content to trust in God, letting the unseen faith anchor you during troubling times?

Exodus 14:13–14 (AMP)

¹³Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.

¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.

Dr. Jim Wilson :One of the reasons we find it difficult to slow down is that we have not become convinced of the need for things to occur “in the fullness of time.” We feel there is so much to accomplish and so few years in which to do it all that we've become addicted to instant everything. Now there's instant food at drive-through windows, instant cash from an ATM, instant credit from all manner of stores, and instant information available online. We have lost the ability to let life unfold in its own time.

The Scriptural record, however, gives us another way to think about time. How long did Abraham and Sarah wait for the arrival of their promised heir, Isaac? God first revealed to Abraham that he would be the father of many nations when he called him to leave his country and go to the land God would show him. Abraham was 75 years old. Fifteen years later, when Abraham was 90, God renewed his promise. Ten years later, at age 100, Abraham and Sarah finally had their son. That's a total of twenty-five years before "the fullness of time."

How long did the Israelites wander through the desert after leaving Egypt on their way to the Promised Land? Forty long years.

How long did Jesus pray in the Garden of Gethsemane? Probably hours, yet hours that moved as slowly as a lifetime. But not until he was on the cross—in the fullness of time—could he say, "It is finished."

After the horror and grief of Jesus' death, how long did Mary and the disciples wait in pain? Three days, but days that lasted an eternity, as anyone knows who has lost a loved one.

How long did they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit? Remember, Jesus had said to them, "I send the promise of my Father on you, but stay in Jerusalem until you have been clothed with power from on high." How long did they wait for this mystery to occur? Fifty long days.

How long has the Church waited for Christ to come again? Although many have tried to define the actual moment at which it will happen, we continue to wait. We have waited more than 2,000 years, and we'll continue to wait until the "fullness of time."

Think of old Simeon, the priest in the temple, who waited his whole life to see the promised Messiah. God had told

him long before that he would not die until he had seen the Christ. Then when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the temple to be blessed, Simeon lifted him up and said, "Lord now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all the world to see. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the hope of your people Israel."

Luke 2:30 - For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

³¹Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel."

Western Wall or Wailing Wall

It is a remnant of the ancient wall that surrounded the Jewish Temple's courtyard, and is arguably the most sacred site recognized by the Jewish faith outside of the Temple Mount itself. Just over half the wall, including its 17 courses located below street level, dates from the end of the Second Temple period, commonly believed to have been constructed around 19 BCE by Herod the Great.

It has been a site for Jewish prayer and pilgrimage for centuries; the earliest source mentioning Jewish attachment to the site dates back to the 4th century. From the mid-19th century onwards, attempts to purchase rights to the wall and its immediate area were made by various Jews, but none were successful. With the rise of the Zionist movement in the early 20th century, the wall became a source of friction between the Jewish community and the Muslim religious leadership, who were worried that the wall was being used to further Jewish nationalistic claims to the Temple Mount and Jerusalem. Outbreaks of violence at the foot of the wall became commonplace and an international commission was convened in 1930 to

determine the rights and claims of Muslims and Jews in connection with the wall. After the 1948 Arab-Israeli War the wall came under Jordanian control and Jews were barred from the site for 19 years until Israel captured the Old City in 1967.

Luke 2: 33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Luke 2:34 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—³⁵and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

John 14:6 (NASB95)

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Luke 2:36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

³⁷and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

Psalm 92:12–14 (AMP)

¹²The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible].

¹³Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴[Growing in grace] they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap [of spiritual vitality] and [rich in the] verdure [of trust, love, and contentment].

Luke 2:38³⁸At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

⁴⁰The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.