

A CHRISTMAS DUET

Luke 2:25-38

Come, let's listen to the Christmas duet recorded here in this text.

I. SIMEON'S PSALM (25-32)

A. THE SINGER (25-27a)

1. Righteous: Upright before men
2. Devout: Committed to God in all his ways
3. Hopeful: Looking for the consolation of Israel
4. Spirit-filled: The Holy Spirit was upon him

B. THE SONG (27b-32)

1. Directed to God (27b-28)
2. Decidedly Personal (29-30)
3. Dramatically Global (31-32)
 - God's salvation is for all people, a light to Gentiles and glory for Israel.

II. ANNA'S ANTHEM (36-38)

A. THE SERVANT (36-37)

1. A Godly Prophetess (36a)
2. An Elderly Widow (36b-37a)
3. A Faithful Prayer-warrior (37b)

B. HER SAYINGS (38)

1. Giving Thanks to God (38a)
 - Continually giving thanks
2. Telling Others About Christ (38b)
 - a. The information: She continued to speak of Jesus
 - b. The informed: Those looking for the redemption of Jerusalem
 - Hopeful, expectant and optimistic people

III. OUR CHRISTMAS CHORUS

- After listening to this Christmas duet ...

A. LET US PERSONALLY PRAISE GOD LIKE SIMEON

1. Keep the carols Christ-centered
2. Make the gospel clear

B. LET US CONTINUALLY THANK GOD LIKE ANNA

1. Commit to godly gratitude
 - Shouldn't we focus on the guest of honor at His birthday celebration?
2. Congregate with other Christians