

Positioned To Be Used By God Luke 2:25-38

Luke 2:25-25 – ²⁵There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking forward to Israel’s consolation, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he saw the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said, ²⁹Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation. ³¹You have prepared it in the presence of all peoples— ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel. ³³His father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and told his mother Mary: “Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed— ³⁵and a sword will pierce your own soul—that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (CSB)

I. Your position is determined by your **virtue** and **caution**.

“There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout”

II. Your position is determined by your **focus**.

“looking forward to Israel’s consolation”

Titus 2:11-14 – ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works. (CSB)

III. Your position is determined by being led by the **Holy Spirit**.

“and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he saw the Lord’s Messiah.”

Galatians 5:16-17 – ¹⁶I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don’t do what you want. (CSB)

IV. Your position is determined by your **closeness to God**.

“Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple.”

V. Your position will result in **identifying your purpose**.

“Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. For my eyes have seen your salvation.”

VI. Your position will bring **light to all people**.

“a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel... Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed”

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved. (CSB)

VII. All can be **positioned**.

“There was also a prophetess, Anna,”

Thought For The Week:

How are you positioning yourself to be **used by God**?

Preparing for your Verse of the Year

1. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
2. What is one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
3. What is the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
4. What is the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family this year?
5. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?