

WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015-2016

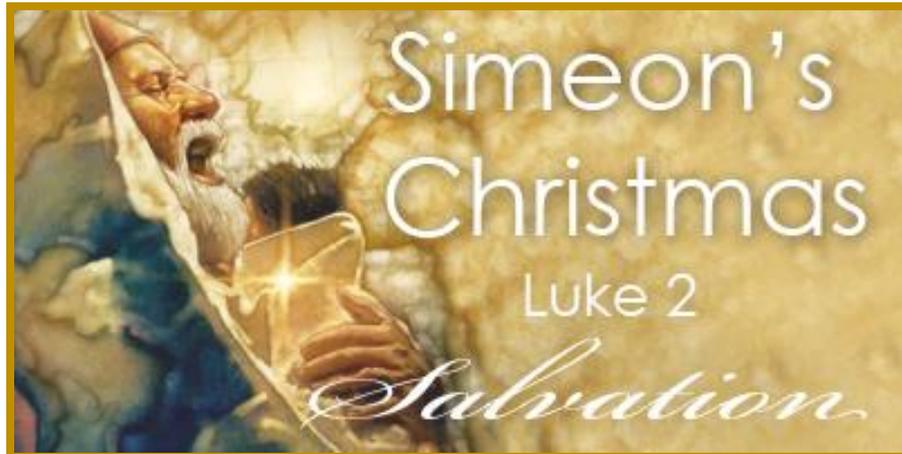
THEME: SACRED GIFTS AND HOLY GATHERINGS

UNIT ONE – “What We Bring to God”

UNIT TWO – “Sharing Our Joys and Sorrows”

UNIT THREE – “Holy Days”

“A HISTORICAL FOUNDATION WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE”



Sunday School Lesson No. III - December 20, 2015

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Lesson Text: Exodus 13:13-15; Luke 2:22-32

Required Reading: Exodus 13:11-16; Leviticus 12:1-8; Luke 2:21-39

Memory Texts: Luke 2:22, “*And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.*”

Matthew 5:17, “*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*”

Reliable Resources: Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Bible Knowledge Commentary; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Life Application Study Bible (Tyndale); Logos Bible Software

INTRODUCTION

The Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator offers these words under the section titled “**Guiding the Superintendent**” in this week’s lesson: “It was a night like no other night. It was a night never to be forgotten. God had visited every home in Egypt. The firstborn throughout the land were dead—all except for Israel’s children, who had been redeemed by an animal sacrifice (Exod. 12). To make sure that all future generations would remember this event, the Lord required that all firstborn males (man and animal) be dedicated to Him (13:11-12). Eventually, this event would become part of the Christmas story.”

Beloved, may this lesson from the past teach us the value of God’s types, illustrations and symbols. But above all, teach us how much our God loves His people from the beginning unto the end. And His people should never take teachings and life illustrations lightly or in vain. The lesson in Luke which witnesses the Baby Jesus being brought to the Temple teaches us the soundness of God’s truth and faithfulness of His expectations of His people in all generations.

Anticipated Power Points:

- **The Historical Sign of Israel’s Past. Exodus 13:13-15**
- **The Heavenly Saviour’s Earthly Presentation. Luke 2:22-32**

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LESSON OUTLINE

I. The Historical Sign of Israel's Past. Exodus 13:13-15

F. D. Maurice writes from "The Doctrine of Sacrifice Deduced From the Scriptures", pg. 49:

A. The Report, part one. Exodus 13:13-15

"The Book of Exodus introduces that new epoch in the scriptural history of sacrifices when they began to be regulated by fixed laws, to be part of a national economy. The offering of the firstborn was the dedication and consecration of the whole Jewish nation. The firstborn represented its strength, its vitality, its endurance. This act signified that its strength lay only in its dependence on God's strength, that its vitality came from the life which is in Him, that it would endure from generation to generation, because He is the same and His years fail not.

The calling of the Israelites was the calling to confess a Redeemer of Israel, a righteous Being who had brought out their fathers from the house of bondage."

B. The Requirement, part two. Exodus 13:13-15, continued

According to the Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator, "In light of God's gracious rescuing of the firstborn of Israel from death in Egypt, all firstborn would belong to Him. Eventually, God would replace the firstborn with a tribe (Levi) that would be dedicated to Him (Num. 3:40-51). A five-shekel redemption offering would also be required (vv. 47-51).

Every time a firstborn was redeemed would be a teaching moment. When the children asked what and why all this was happening, the parents were to tell them about what God had done years (and centuries) before when He saved Israel from Egyptian slavery."

II. The Heavenly Saviour's Earthly Presentation. Luke 2:22-32

Now the lesson fast-forwards into the New Testament and the earthly appearance of the Saviour Jesus Christ who arrived at Bethlehem. According to Matthew 5:17, we learn from the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry that "*He did not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it.*" Our Saviour's details in fulfilling God's Word blessed man and God!

A. He fulfills the lawful requirements. vv. 21-24

1. Circumcision. Genesis 17; Luke 2:21
2. Purification of His mother. Leviticus 12:1-8; Luke 2:22-24
3. Redemption of the Firstborn Son. Exodus 13:1-2, 13; Numbers 18:15-16.

B. Through the Holy Spirit, an elderly Priest Simeon is blessedly reassured. vv. 25-32

The Holy Spirit promised him that he would not see death until his eyes had beheld God's Messiah. And while faithfully discharging his Temple duties, God granted him the thrill of a lifetime to behold the Lord's Christ and Saviour of Simeon and all who trusted the prophecies of the Lord's coming.

CLOSING

Beloved, like Simeon and Anna, we have blessed hope! Jesus Christ is God's gift to us. As Mary and Joseph came in fulfillment and obedience to the scriptures, joy, hope and peace were passed on to others. Beloved, I hope that you will experience the blessed peace of God as you surrender your life to God's Son and our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. History foretold His coming and today sustains the fulfillment of His eternal purpose. Matthew 5:17, "*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*"

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Looking Ahead: December 27, 2015 Matthew 23:2-12; Mark 12:38-44



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