

Psalms Handout Week Twelve

Commonalities

The people

Who they are

Mary

Zachariah

Simeon

What they did

Mary

Zach

Simeon

But listen...

What do we admire them for then?

-Worshipful: Lk. 1:46, 1:68, 2:28-29

2 Cor. 13:15 Or do you not realize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you?

2 Cor. 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, (Isa. 9) is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in *earthen vessels* that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

Gal. 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you.

-Holy Spirit led:

-Servant focused:

Mary, v. 1:48

Zach

Lk. 1:74 To show mercy toward our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He swore to Abraham our father, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, *might serve Him* without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

Simeon

Lk.2:25. And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout *looking for the consolation of Israel....*

-Scripture saturated:

Mary's song

Ps. 103:17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear Him,
and His righteousness with their children's children—

What verse is this?

Ps. 107:9 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind,
for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

What verse is this?

Zach's song

Isa. 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of death's
shadow a light has dawned.

Mal. 3:1 I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the LORD you are
seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the
LORD Almighty.

Simeon's song

Isa. 40: Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God. "Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed,
that she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins."

A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for
our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground
become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley;

Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together;

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken....29 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might
He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet
those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will
run and not get weary, they will walk and not become faint.

Isa. 66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

-Engaged with and passionate for covenant community

Mary 50, 54, 55

Zach

Cites or alludes to four covenants. V. 68 Adamic, 69 Davidic, 73 Abrahamic, 74 Mosaic

Simeon v. 25

v. 30-32

v. 32

*The settings

Zach-

Simeon- Ex. 13:11 "Now when the Lord brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to
your fathers, and gives it to you, you 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. But every first offspring of a donkey
you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every
firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And it shall be when your son asks you in time to
come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the Lord brought us out of
Egypt, from the house of slavery.

1. Children are
2. Our religious rituals are important opportunities

-It is also personal
Mary

Zach

Simeon

-Bridge people, between OT and NT faith unto salvation

Lk. 1:46. My soul exalts the LORD, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior for He has had regard for the humble state of His bondslave; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed...54 He has given help to Israel His servant in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

Lk. 1:68 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, for He has visited (paqad-come personally to check on) us and accomplished redemption for His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant—
as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—
76...And you, child will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the LORD to prepare His ways.

Lk. 2:29 Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,
According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

Quick Differences

Different stations

Different focus

Mary

Zach

Simeon

Isa. 49:6 He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One,

What about God?

God is_____. God wants_____. God cares about_____
God looks at_____. And whatever else you see...

Example: God is sweet.