

Simeon’s Song of Realization

I. A little **history lesson** to get us into Simeon’s story:

THE CONTRAST OF JOHN AND JESUS	John the Baptist	Jesus of Nazareth
Conception	Miraculous (1:13)	Miraculous and supernatural (1:31-35)
Birth	Celebrated by the community (1:58)	Celebrated by the angelic armies and shepherds (2:8-20)
Name	“YHWH has shown grace” (1:13)	“YHWH saves” (1:31)
Song of joy	Zechariah’s Blessing song (1:67-79)	The angels’ Gloria song (2:14) Simeon’s Departure song (2:29-32)
Circumcision	Testimony of Zechariah (1:63-79)	Testimony of Simeon (2:34-35) Testimony of Anna (2:36-38)
Growing up	Grew strong in spirit waiting in the desert (1:80)	Grew up strong, with wisdom and the grace of God (2:40) ¹

II. The song of a redemption **completed**.

A light to the Gentiles? Yes!!

- Isaiah 42:6-7
- Isaiah 49:6
- Isaiah 51:4

III. The **pain** of the reality of revolution

IV. What do I **do with this**?

- A. Get a better grasp of the **overall story** of God’s revolution!!
- B. Offer God the **praises** due to Him!!
- C. Don’t **shy away** from presenting the greatest of all stories!!

¹Fitzmyer, Joseph A., *The Anchor Bible- The Gospel According to Luke I-IX*, pub. by Doubleday, 1970, pp. 313-14. This is an adaptation from some of the ideas in Fitzmyer’s very excellent study of Luke, but not a verbatim replication.