

“Coincidence? I Think Not!”

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Luke 2:25-28a

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he (Simeon) went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, ...

† The baby Jesus is only 40 days old.

† “Consolation of Israel” is another way of saying Messiah.

† Faith is complete trust and confidence in God.

† Simeon recognized that Jesus was the Son of God because the Holy Spirit was upon Simeon.

† God’s Holy Spirit was active in Simeon’s life because Simeon had faith (“righteous and devout”).

† God’s Holy Spirit is active in my life when I have faith when I am righteous and devout.

† I can create conditions in which God can best work in my life - worship, prayer, study and Bible reading.

† Faith manifests itself in different ways in different people at different times.

† God will decide how, when, and where my askings are fulfilled.

† The more I am as Simeon, devout and righteous, the more I notice how God’s Holy Spirit is leading me.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What coincidences have happened to me in the past week? Month? Year?

† What have I prayed to God about in the past week? Month? Year?

† How “righteous and devout” do I believe I am? Do others believe I am?

† What is one way I can become more “righteous and devout” in my life so that I will recognize God’s Holy Spirit leading me daily?