

The Birth of Jesus Certified - Luke 2:21-40

Topics:

Actions, Affirmation, Age, Celebration, Devotion, Expectations, Faithfulness, Holy Spirit, Praise, Prophecy, Wisdom

Reflection Questions

A. What ceremony, ritual, or tradition in your church do you enjoy the most?

B. Who is one of your most interesting elderly friends or relatives?

Context Questions

1. Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple? When? (2:21-23)

2. How old was Jesus the first time Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple? (2:21-23)

3. Who was Simeon, and how did Luke describe him? (2:24-26)

4. What did Simeon do with the Christ child? (2:28-32)

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12. What were Jesus' childhood years like? (2:39-40)

Understanding It Questions

13. In what ways can we see God working behind the scenes in the events of Christ's childhood?

14. What of Simeon's prophecy is still true today?

15. What did Simeon's warning to Mary mean?

16. In what ways are Simeon and Anna examples to us?

17. Using Christ's childhood as an example, what character qualities should parents seek to develop in their children?

18. In what different ways did Anna and Simeon each receive the Christ child?

19. What roles can other Christians have in our life of faith?

20. How important is it to introduce our children to faith in God as early and consistently as possible?

21. If you could step back in time and stand next to Simeon, what would you want to say about the Christ child?

Life Application Questions

22. How could you express your thanks to God this week for becoming a human being to provide a way of salvation?

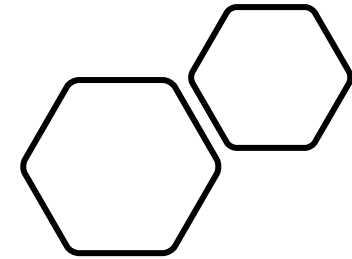
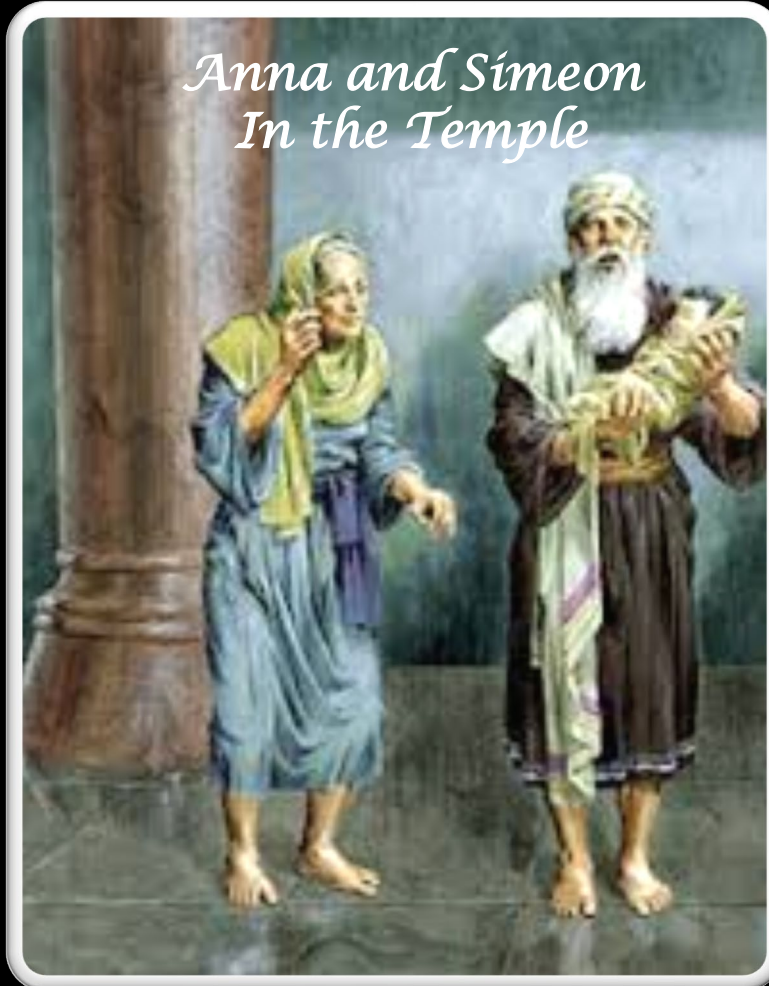
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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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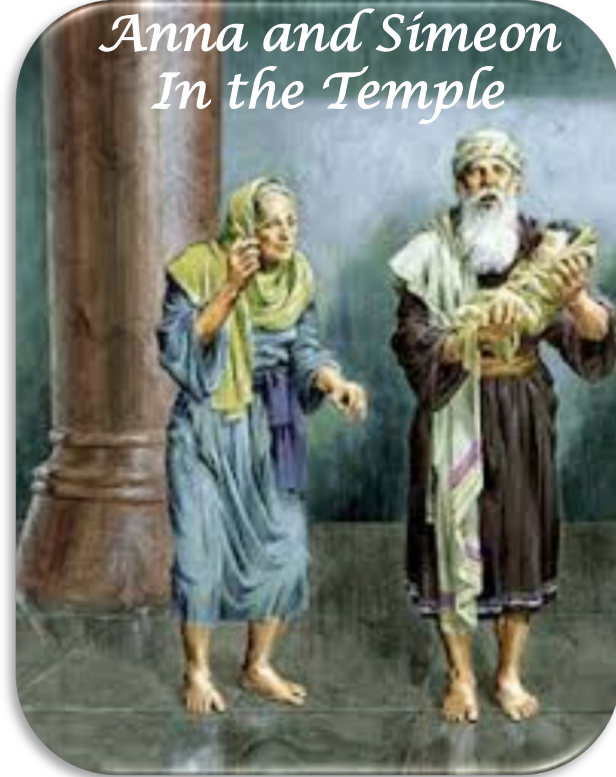
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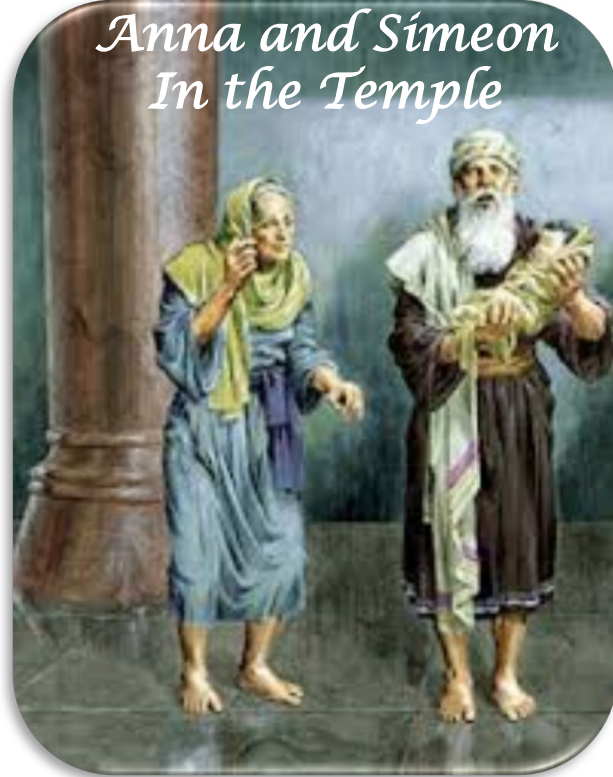


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AGENDA

- Prayer
- Topics
- Reflection Questions
- Lesson Introduction
- Scripture Reference
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- Life Application
- Announcements
- Prayer

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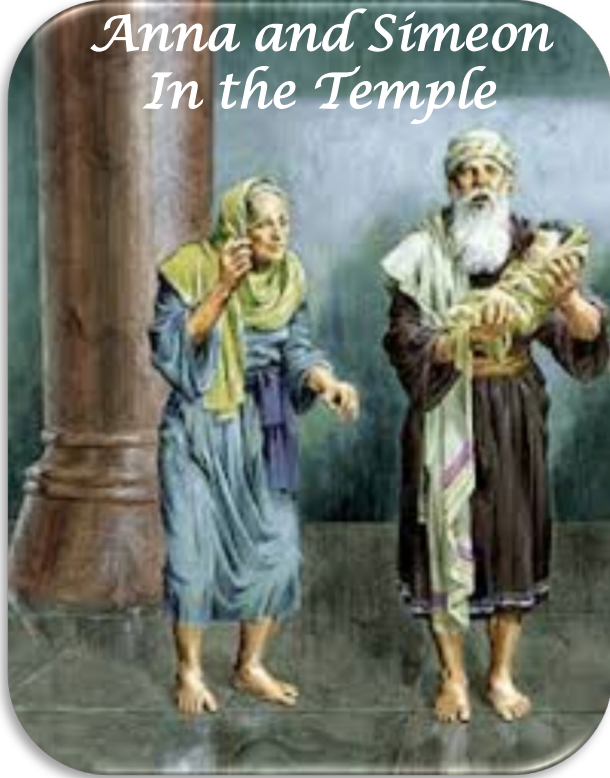
PRAYER

- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
- Our World



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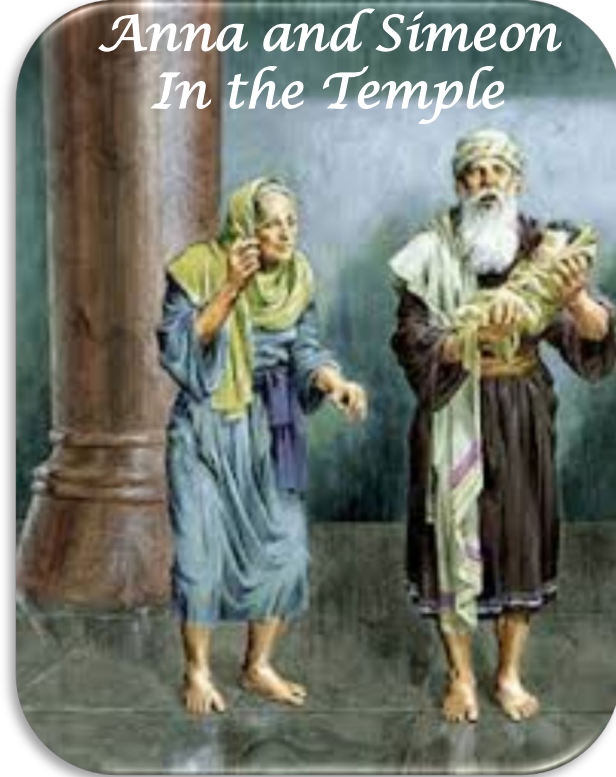


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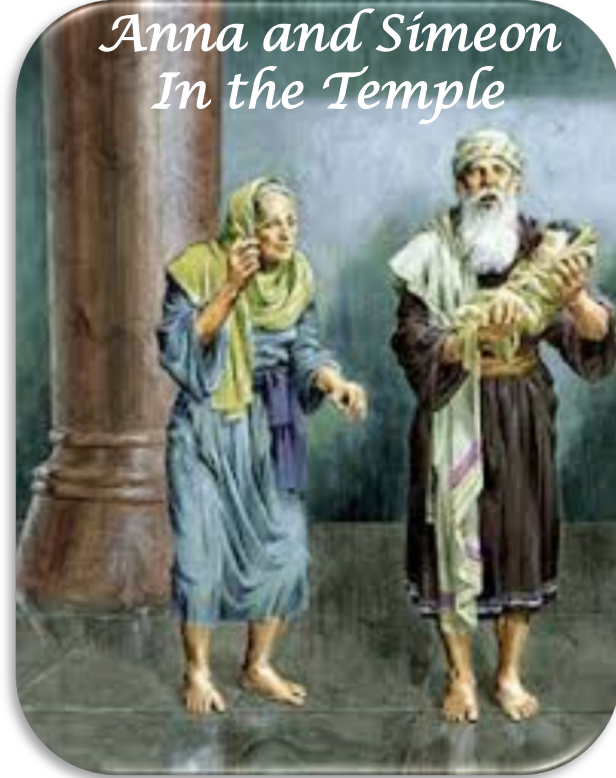
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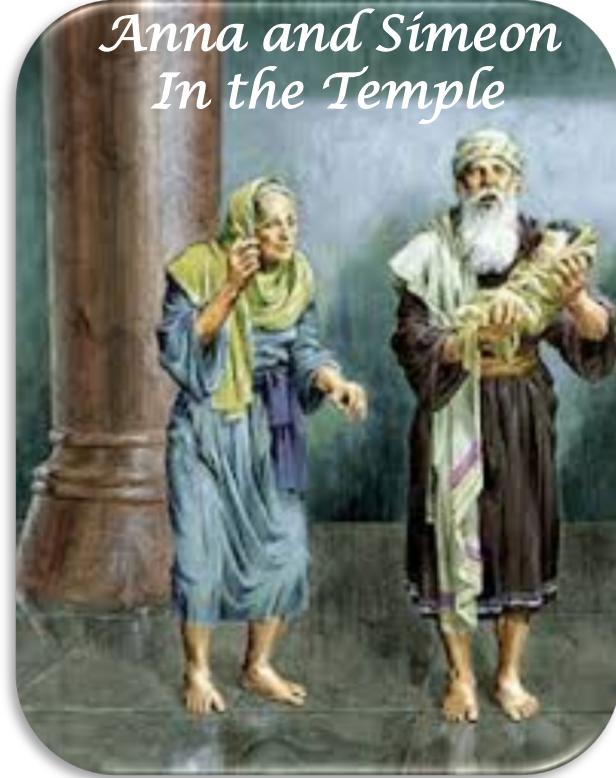
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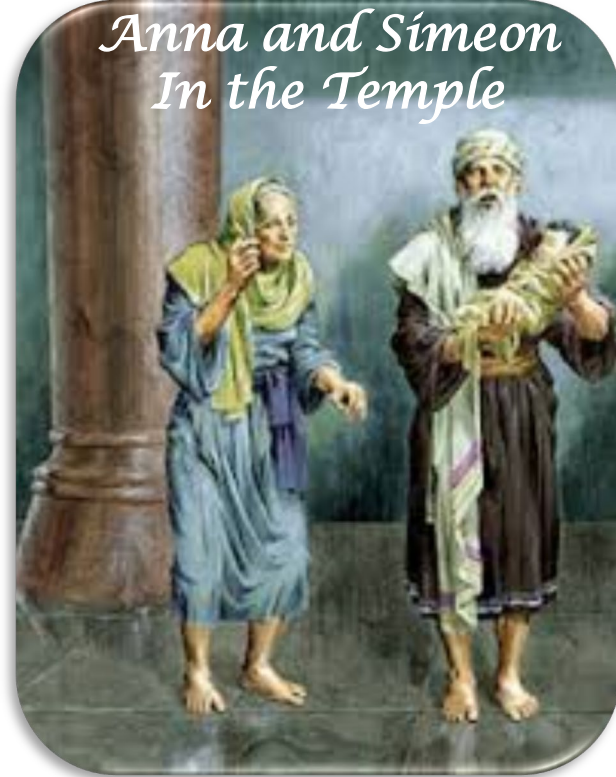


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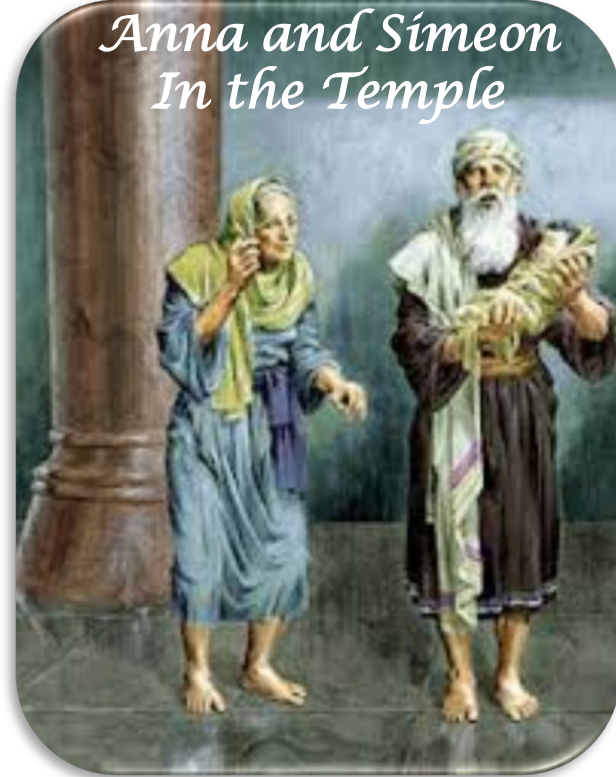
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LESSON INTRODUCTION

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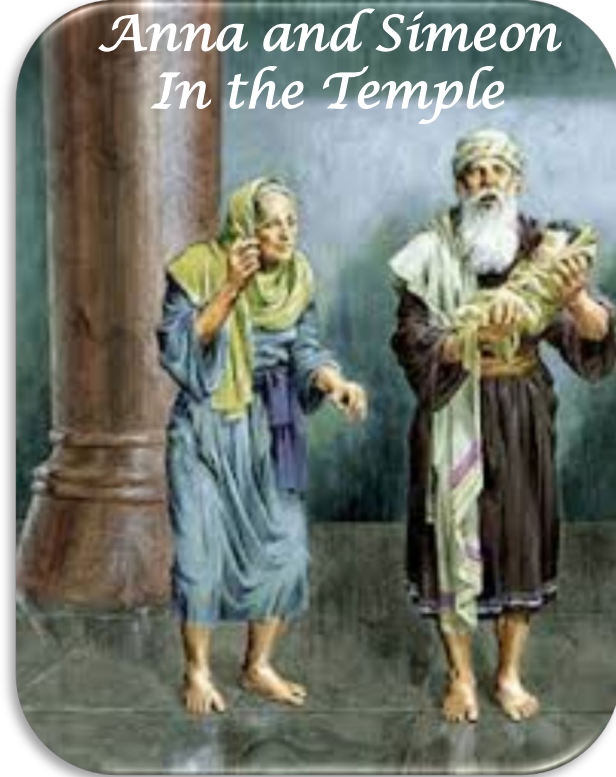
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LESSON INTRODUCTION

Just as the story of John the Baptist's birth began in the Temple (1:5-25), so the story of Jesus' birth culminates in the Temple. In obedience to the dictates of Jewish law, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to God (see Exodus 13:2), and they offered a sacrifice for the ritual purification of Mary (see Leviticus 12:2-6).

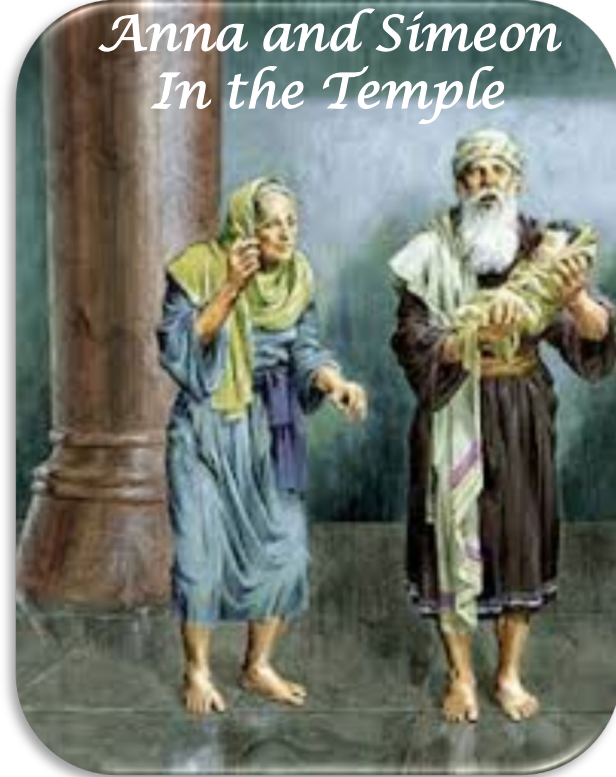
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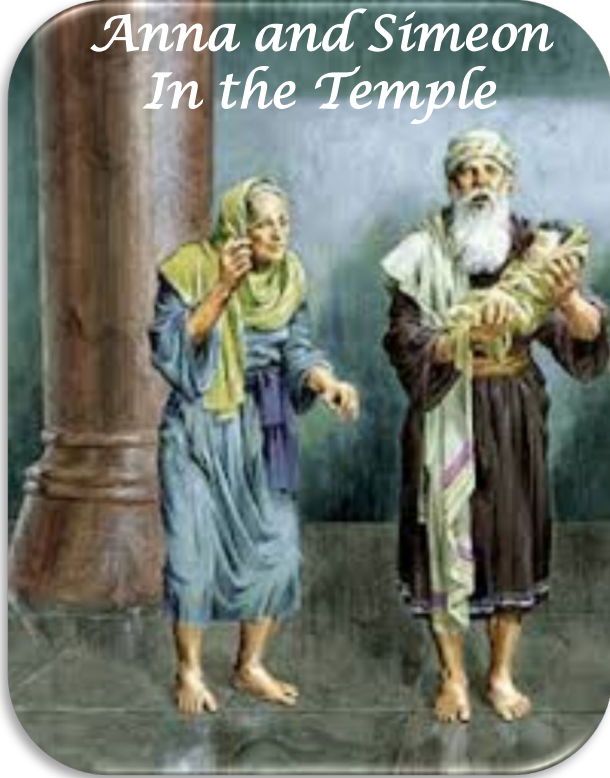
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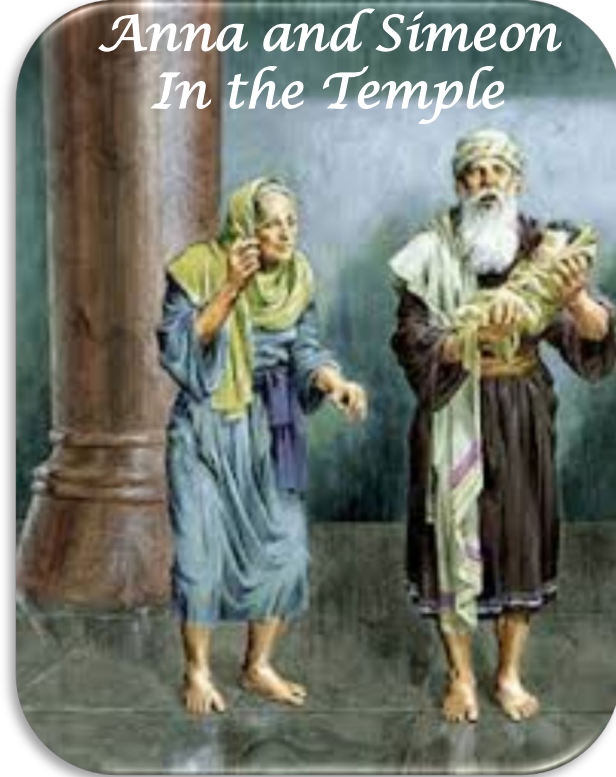


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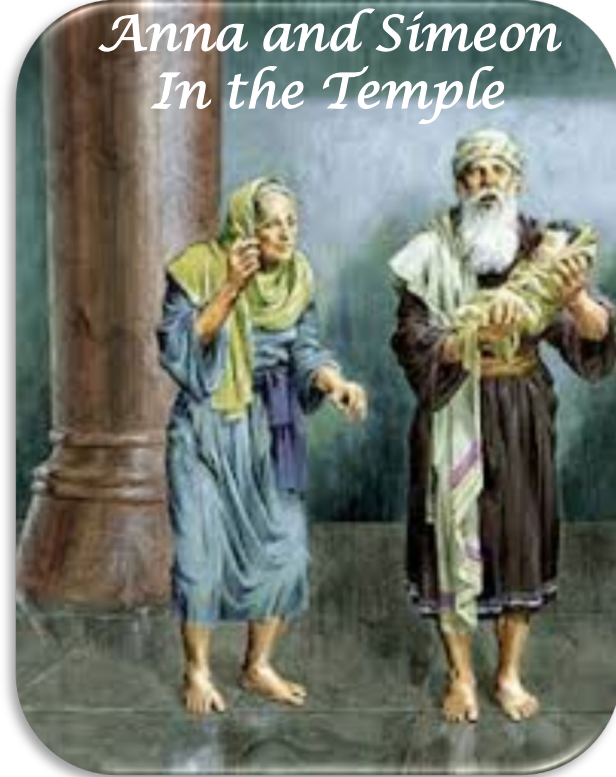
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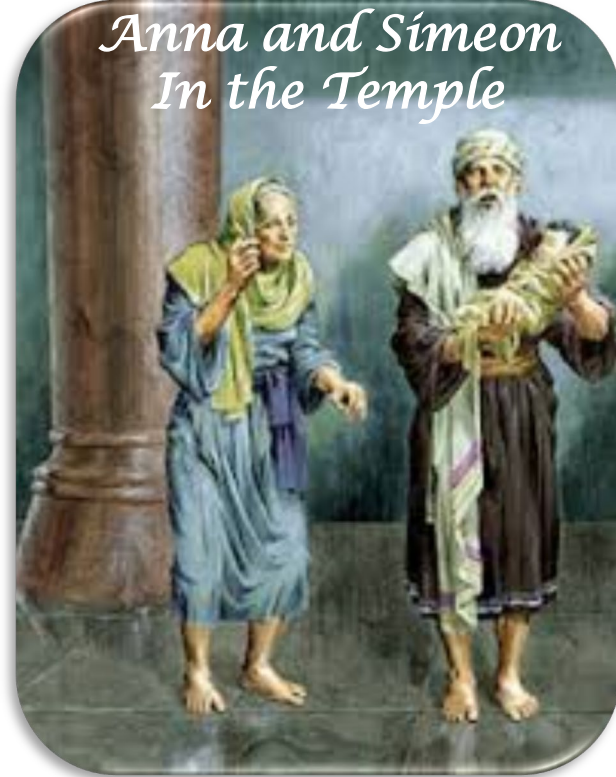
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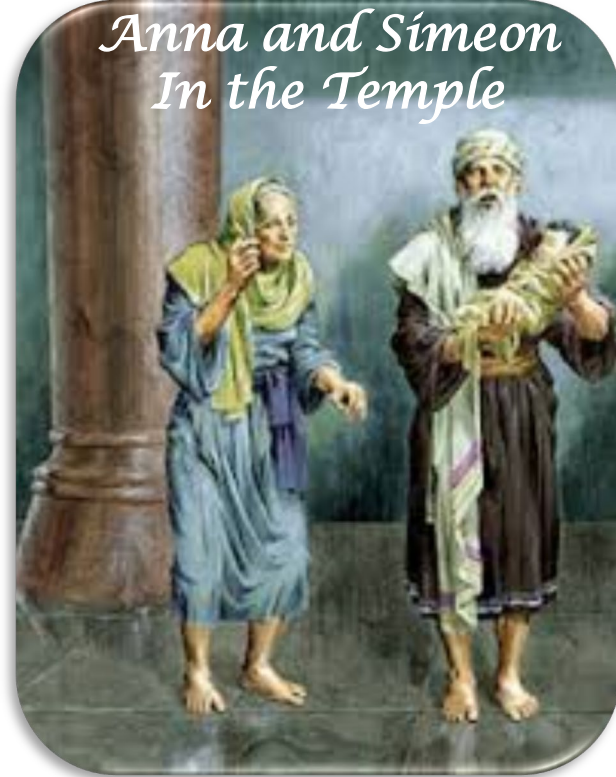
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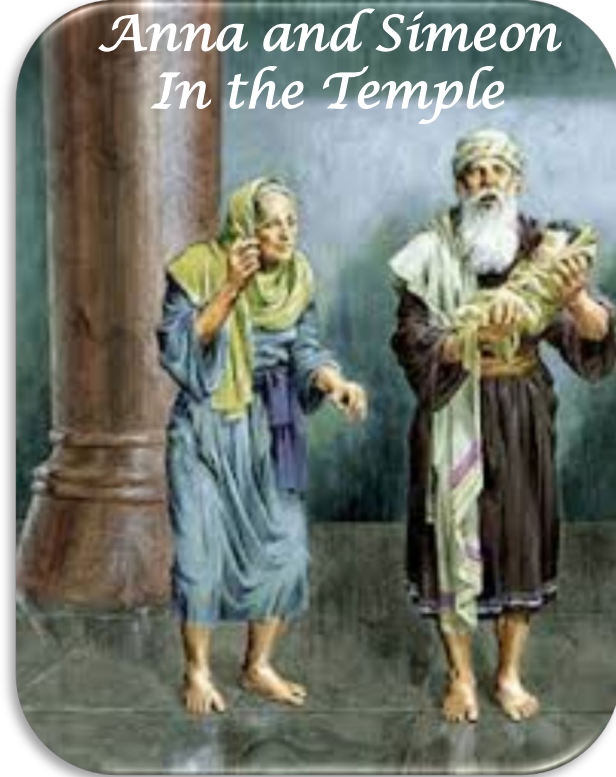
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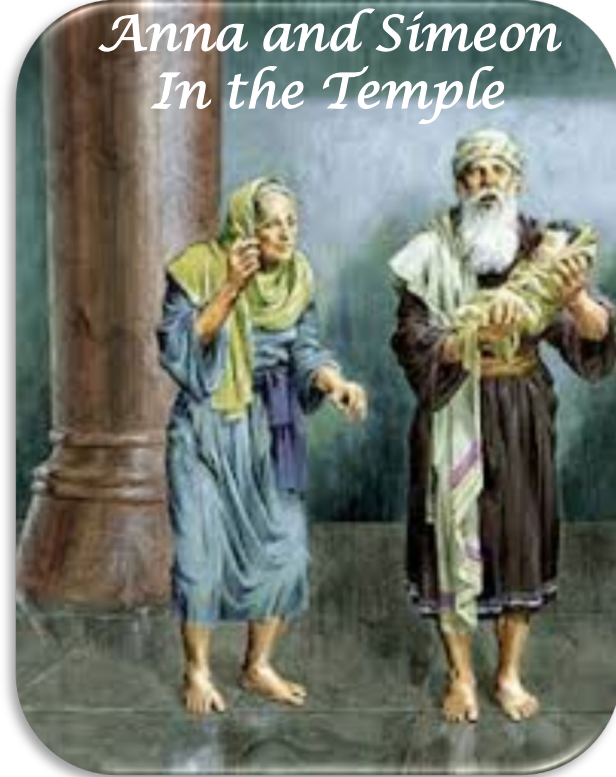
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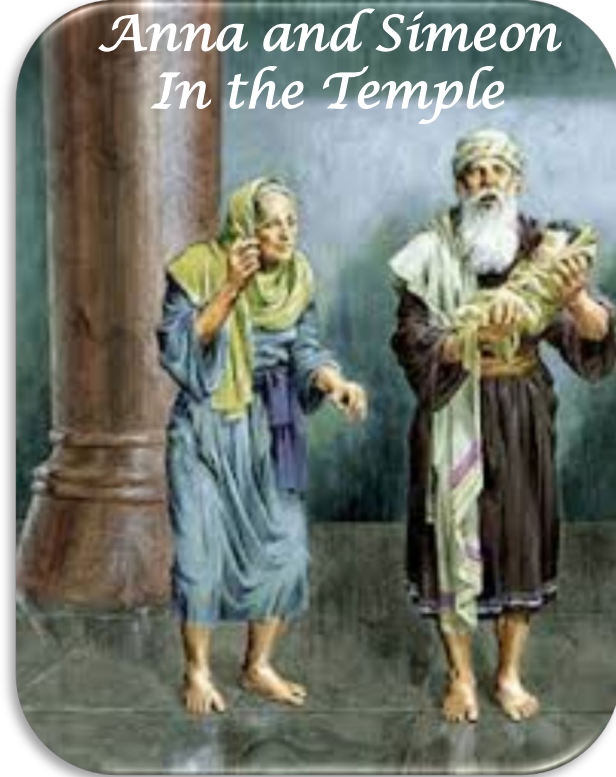
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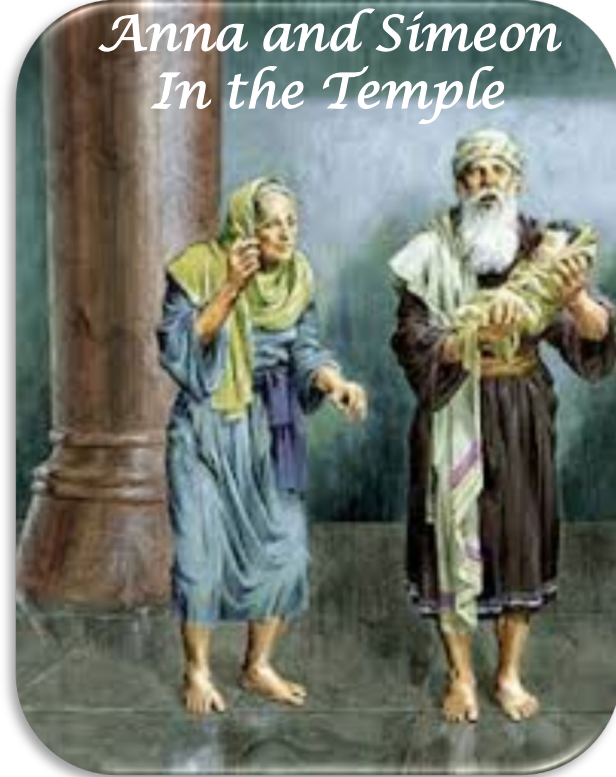
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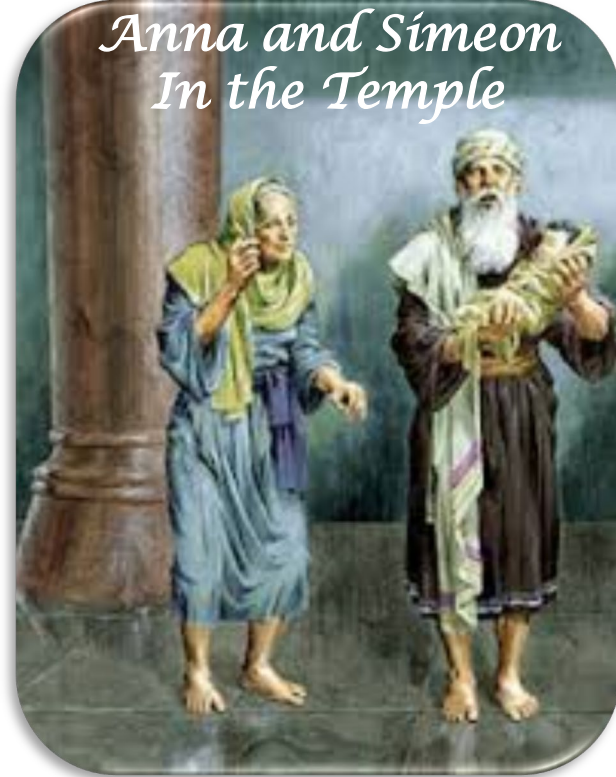
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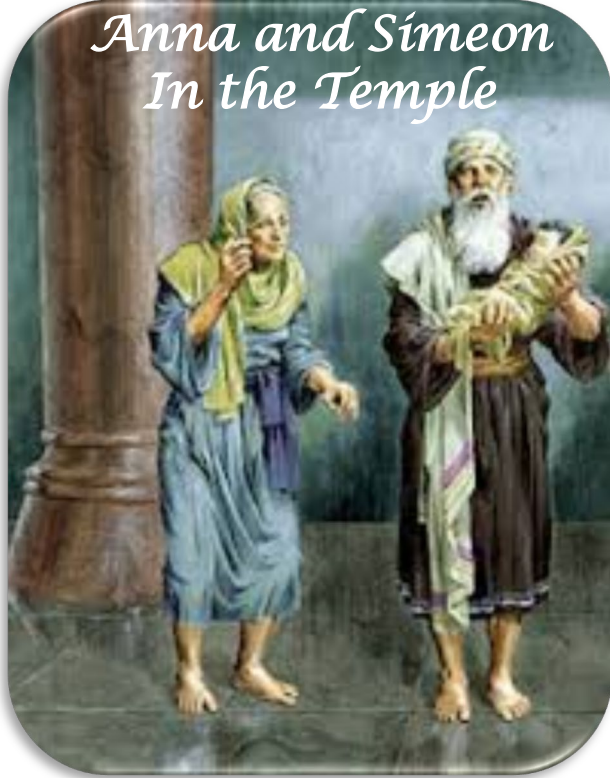
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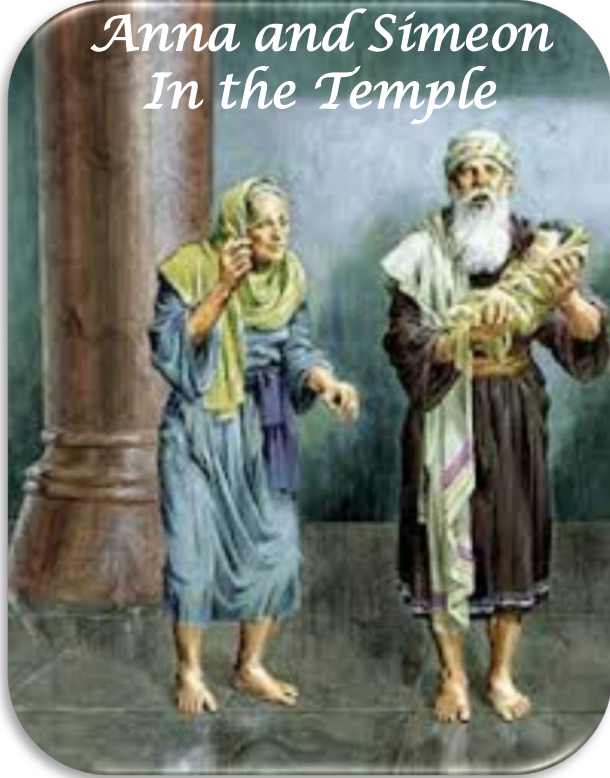
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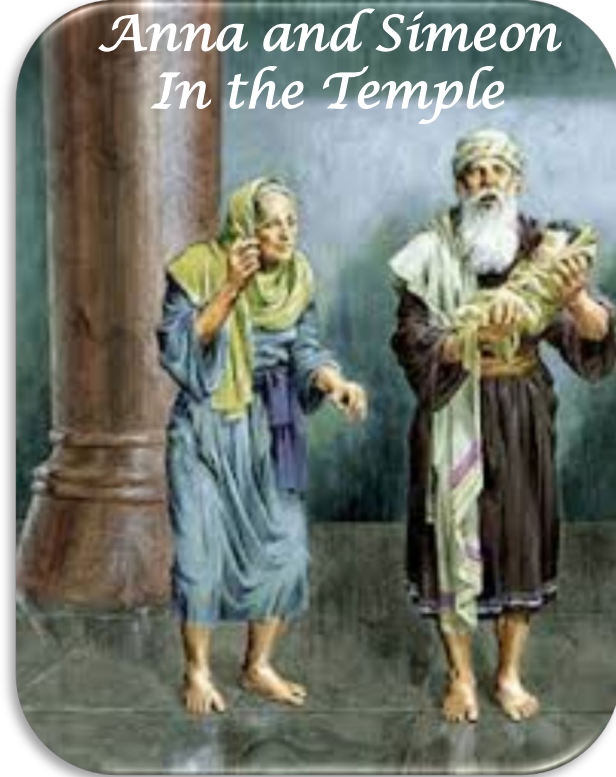
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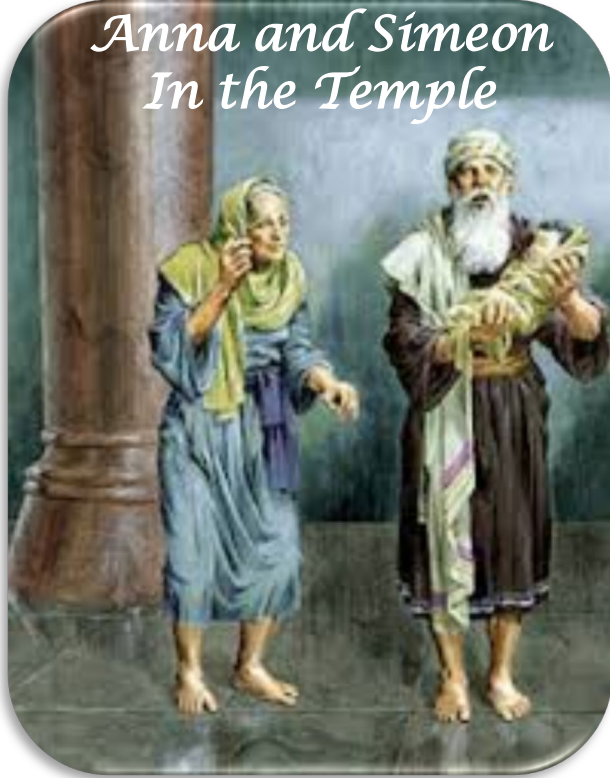
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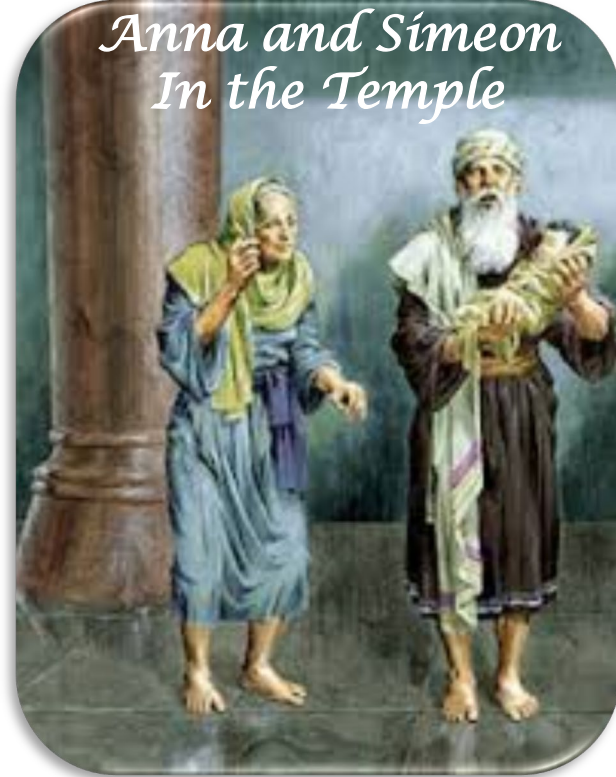
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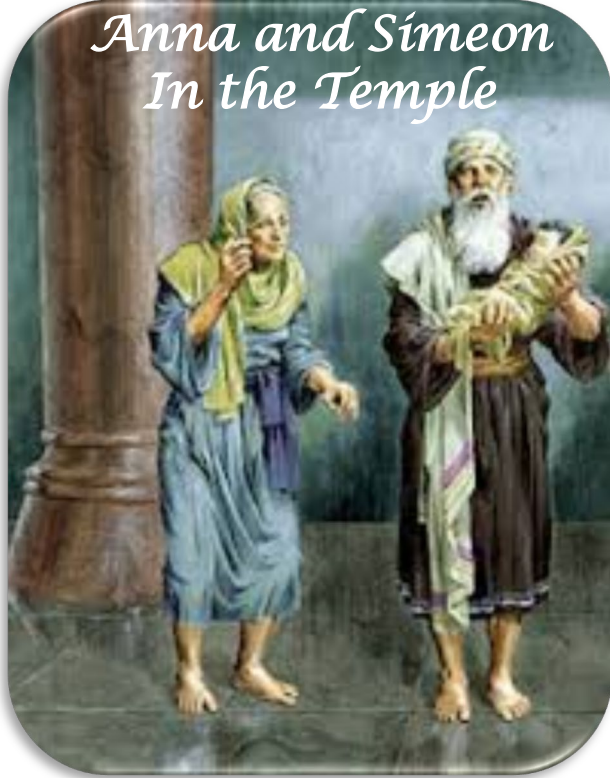
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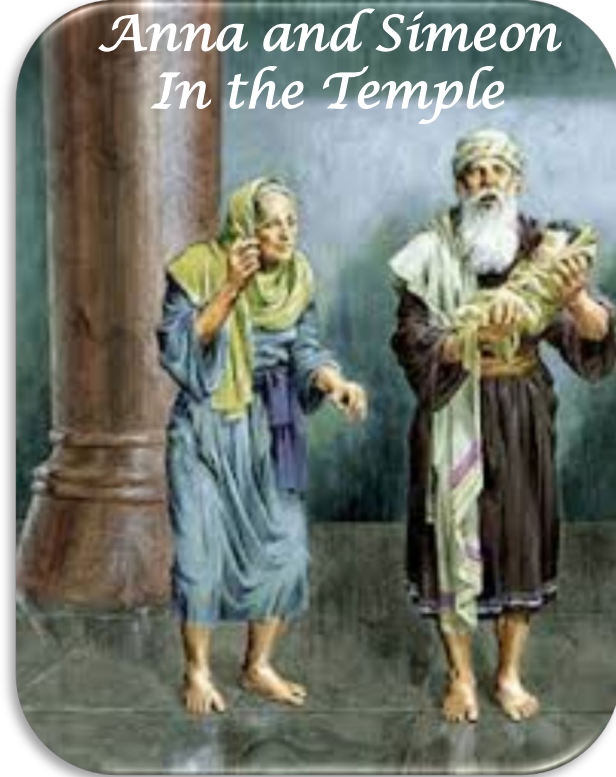
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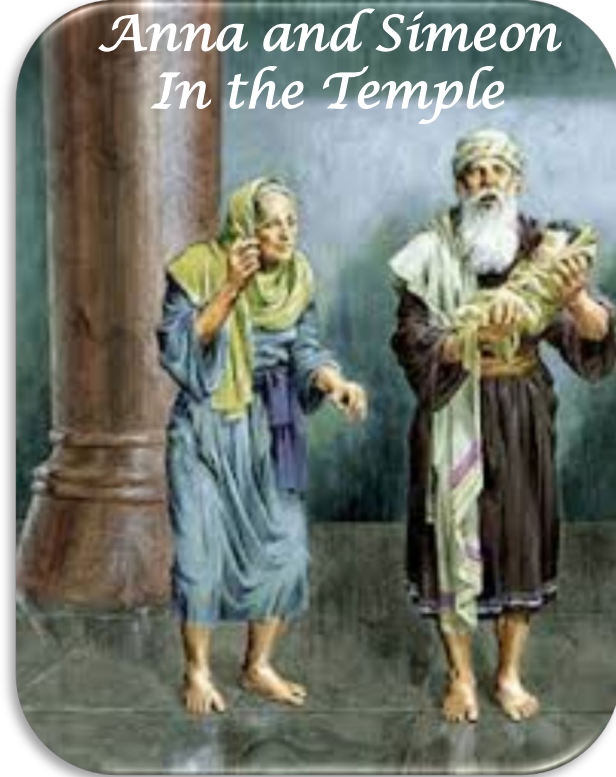
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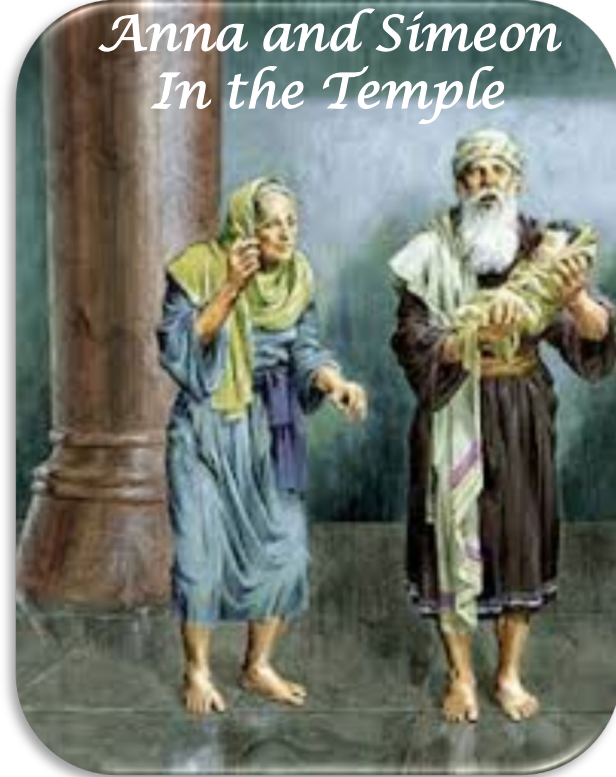
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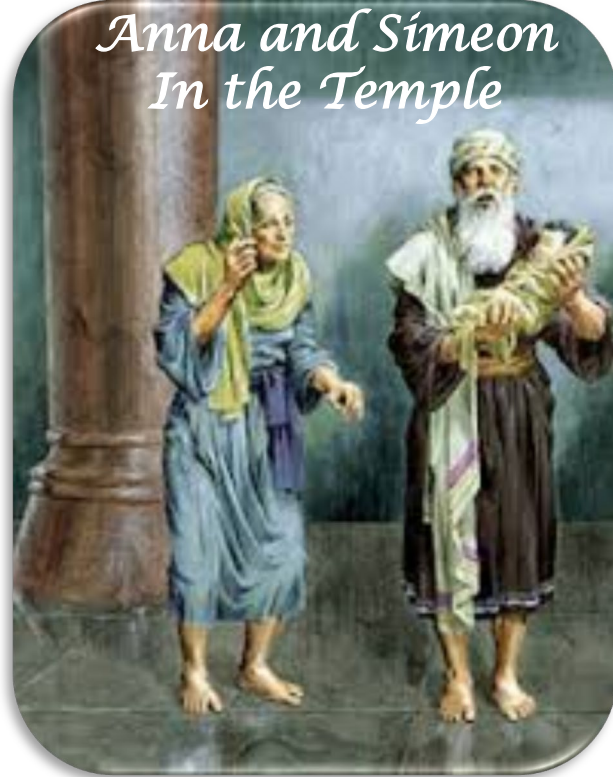
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UNDERSTANDING IT QUESTIONS

Questions #14 - #22

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Questions #23 - #24

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Questions #13-#19

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Questions #20-#21



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Church News and Events



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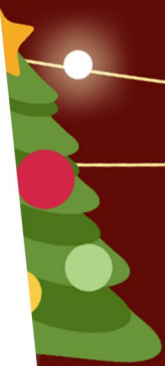
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022, 9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON, NEW HOPE'S DOTSON FELLOWSHIP HALL

GAMES

Face painting

PIZZA



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BIBLE STUDY NOTICE!

Noon Day (in person) Bible Study is cancelled November 23, 2022 through January 11, 2023.

Evening (virtual) Bible Study will be November 30, 2022, December 7 and 14, 2022.

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Merry Christmas

TO OUR NEW HOPE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)

The prophet Isaiah foretold of the birth of Jesus and all that he would be to the world. We pray that you and your family experience Jesus and the richness of all His promised spiritual blessings during this holiday season.

Church Leadership

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: 10:00 AM - WATCH NIGHT SERVICE: 8:00PM - 10:00 PM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25, 2022

**We've come
this far by faith**

Leaning on the Lord

Watch Night
Service

Saturday,
December 31,
2022

8:00pm to
10:00pm

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11,
2023**

**12:00PM Mid-Day
In-Person**

**7:00pm Evening
Virtual Via Zoom**

**See the Church website for
the Evening Zoom Link**



2023

Happy New Year

1 John 1:1-4

**Introduction,
Background,
and Context**