

## The Wait is Over!

If God granted you one thing on your bucket list before you die, what would it be? Why?

Read Luke 2:21-39.

1. What laws were given by Moses concerning a male child's birth?
  - A. All births had to be done by cesarean section.
  - B. The father had to be present at each birth.
  - C. After 8 days the child had to be circumcised.
  - D. The child had to be presented to the Lord in the temple (Luke 2:22).
  - E. The first male child is considered holy to the Lord (Luke 2:23).
  - F. The child had to be in military service at age 18.
  - G. The parents offered two turtledoves or two young pigeons (Luke 2:24).
  - H. Parents had to praise God for a healthy birth.
  - I. The nation had to have a solemn assembly to welcome the child.
  - J. Other.
  
2. Why was Simeon so important in the story?
  - A. He was a just man waiting for Jesus' birth (Luke 2:25).
  - B. He was not to see death until he saw Jesus (Luke 2:26).
  - C. He was the one who helped the angels sing at Jesus' birth.
  - D. This old man had "swag."
  - E. He shared the same birthday as Jesus.
  - F. He told King Herod of Jesus' birth.
  - G. He is the one that blessed Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:28).
  - H. He was the first person selected to be a disciple.
  - I. Other.
  
3. Why was Simeon's blessing so powerful?
  - A. He offered it according to God's will.
  - B. He realized God kept His promise to him (Luke 2:29).
  - C. His eyes had seen the salvation of the world (Luke 2:30).
  - D. He bathed Jesus in oil.
  - E. He recognized Jesus as a light to the gentiles (Luke 2:29).
  - F. He offered a sense of hope to the Pharisees.
  - G. He gave the Romans a blessing too.
  - H. His blessing was admired by the king.
  - I. Other.
  
4. What did Simeon say to Joseph and Mary about Jesus?

- A. That Jesus would be the most popular kid in all Jerusalem.
- B. He would grow up to play quarterback in the NFL.
- C. He would cause many in Israel to rise and fall (Luke 2:34).
- D. Jesus would be the glory of God's people Israel (Luke 2:32).
- E. He would reveal the thoughts of many hearts (Luke 2:35).
- F. No one will be able to disagree with Him.
- G. They too will be pierced by Jesus' words and ministry (Luke 2:35).
- H. Other.

5. What does the passage reveal about Anna's lifestyle?

- A. She was a mad woman present at the blessing of Jesus.
- B. She ran around the temple seven times.
- C. Anna was a female prophet (Luke 2:36).
- D. This woman worked as the nanny of the temple.
- E. She was a widow after 7 years of marriage (Luke 2:36).
- F. She was second in command in the temple.
- G. She was from the tribe of Asher.
- H. Other.

6. What was significant about what Anna did at Jesus' blessing?

- A. She agreed to adopt him.
- B. She spent all her time in the temple fasting, praying, and worshipping.
- C. She called Jesus the redemption of Jerusalem (Luke 2:38).
- D. She gave thanks to God for Jesus coming into the world (Luke 2:38).
- E. She was cursing in the temple very loudly.
- F. Anna had a great feast in the temple after the blessing.
- G. She gave Mary and Joseph a medal for being the parents of Jesus.
- H. Anna was the only female prophet at Jesus' blessing.
- I. Other.

7. How do you feel about the leadership of women such as Anna in God's church?

8. Describe what waiting on God is like in your own life.