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God's Amazing Faithfulness



It seemed to Joseph and Mary that it was just yesterday when they had been on their way to Bethlehem-just the two of sacrifices. Joseph and Mary left Bethlehem to go to the temple in Jerusalem.

There was an old man named Simeon. He loved God with all his heart and lived a righteous life. This good man was waiting for God to send the Messiah, just as God had promised. God told Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Simeon waited a long time. But today everything was different. The Holy Spirit led him to go to the temple courts.

When Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus arrived, Simeon noticed. So he went to them, and there he saw the boy. "This child is not like the others," said Simeon. "No, this child is very special. Why? Because he is the promised one!" Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms and began to praise God. "Lord," he said, "I have seen the Messiah as you promised me. My eyes have seen Him who will rescue your people. He will bring salvation to ALL, even to the Gentiles. Now I can rest in peace."