

## **A Divine Appointment**

### **Sunday Morning, December 28, 2014**

#### **Thesis:**

This "New Year" Let Each of Us Be More Willing to:  
Be More Sensitive to the Holy Spirit.  
Act Upon the Holy Spirit's Leading  
Learn New Spiritual Insight Through  
Our Experience With the Holy Spirit.

#### **Introduction:** *(Use Message Drone)*

Each Year Something New Should Happen!

#### **I. A Divine Appointment - In the Temple** **(Luke 2: 21 – 35)**

21 And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. *(More of passage on next page)*

27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,  
28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God & said:  
29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;  
30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation  
31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,  
32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."  
33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.  
34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against  
35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Simeon was sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting.

#### **II. A Divine Appointment - On the Way** **(Acts 3: 1 – 8)**

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. *(More of passage on next page)*

4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."  
5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.  
6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."  
7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.  
8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

The Apostle Peter acted on the Holy Spirit's leading.

### III. A Divine Appointment - Outside Logic (Luke 5: 1 – 11)

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,  
2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.  
3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.  
4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." *(More of passage on next page)*

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."  
6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.  
7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.  
8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"  
9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;  
10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."  
11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Simon learned new spiritual insight through a willing act of obedience.

### Conclusion:

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