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Dear Little Lambs,

Certainly the Christmas story as told in Chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel will always be among our most cherished Scriptures. The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. The manger scene and the swaddling clothes. And even the frightened shepherds abiding in the field. But what about the *prophecies* surrounding the birth of the Christ child. For our Christmas devotion this year, we have chosen [an](#) often overlooked, but tender and moving moment—the saintly old prophet, Simeon, as he takes the baby Jesus into his arms, as recorded in Luke 2:25-35. Our story takes place on the eighth day, as Mary and Joseph present their newborn child in the temple to be circumcised in accordance with the law of Moses. Of course, on this side of Calvary, we understand that Jesus came in part, to set us free from much of the ceremonial law. But at that time, to ignore this ancient rite would have been an unnecessary [stumbling block](#) for the very ones He came to save. Simeon was there, not by chance or coincidence, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Although we do not know very much about Simeon, [perhaps the](#) privilege [accorded](#) him here tells us all we need to know—Simeon [was given](#) the honor of pronouncing THE BLESSING on the Lord Jesus. Certainly, Simeon was a good man, just and devout. But more than that, he had been **“waiting for the consolation of Israel”** —the coming of the Messiah—for [a very long](#) time. Luke 2:25 (KJV).

No doubt Simeon knew the many Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. Long before, he would have memorized **“Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel”** and **“For unto us a child is born unto us a son is given . . .”** Isaiah 7:14; 9:6. But beyond our comprehension, Simeon had watched and waited, studied and searched, hoped and prayed. For a lifetime! And so when the Holy Spirit woke him up on that eighth day and whispered “Today is the day. The Messiah is come” we cannot begin to imagine the unspeakable joy and celebration of his heart.

Of course, the child was to [be called](#) **JESUS** in keeping with the annunciation of the angel Gabriel. And like new parents since the beginning of time, Mary beamed and Joseph's chest swelled with pride. But could these proud-as-a-peacock parents really understand or appreciate the [magnitude](#) of this day? Probably not.

But Simeon knew. Or should we say that the Holy Spirit speaking thru Simeon, knew. Previously, the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Lord. Not surprisingly, God did better than His promise, as Simeon took the baby Jesus *into his arms* with the greatest affection imaginable. And at that moment, prophecy itself was resurrected after a silence of almost four hundred years, as Simeon boldly declared **“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant [depart](#) in peace . . . For mine eyes have seen thy salvation”** Luke 2:29-30. Having welcomed and blessed the Messiah, Simeon could look his own death in the eye, in peace.

But the Holy Spirit had one more message to deliver. Speaking directly to Mary, Simeon concluded **“Yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul . . .”** Luke 2:35. An ominous warning? Perhaps, but for what??! Maybe in the joy and celebration of this special day, Mary's attention would have been diverted away from such a dark and disturbing thought of a sword piercing her soul. In fact, maybe she didn't even give that warning another thought—until she stood at the foot of the cross . . .

So on this Christmas Day, receive the Gospel with faith, and you too shall welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into your arms.

Blessings to all,
Mike Rider, Volunteer

All the Staff of Little Lambs is wishing you a very Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We want to sincerely thank you for your generosity throughout the year and for your precious prayers. We are a very blessed people. The apostasy in the world is being challenged and God is reigning and empowering His servants. It is a great time to be alive and see the move of God in people's lives.

God bless you all!



To Whom it May Concern:

Sorry I couldn't write on a lines sheet of paper. I'm broke. Ha Ha. Hope you don't mind. Anyway I am very interested in your Bible Study worksheet and even more interested in the Bible you will hopefully send me if I complete it and pass it. Now here is a mind blower. When I was young, my father always told me God doesn't exist, that if anyone told me about God, "don't believe it". I grew up and seen some things that leave only one explanation, GOD. So I converted myself, so to speak. Anyway, I was hoping you could send me a leather Bible for that reason only. I want to do the Bible Study anyway though, so it doesn't really matter. So please send me the Bible Study as soon as you can. I am eager to learn about God. I'm sure you understand. Please send me a Bible. *We sent him a Bible Study and a student Bible with the instruction letter which tells them about the reward Bible when he finishes the course.*



To whom it may concern: Hello, my name is Jasmine. I am a newly found Christian who is taking active steps to grow more intimate in my relationship with God and Jesus! I am currently incarcerated in Sin City. I ask please sign for your Bible Study. I read that your Bible Study comes with return postage. This is incredible. I will be sharing this news with all who are interested in growing in their faith. Some people have a hard time being indigent, so your organization is spot on by offering paid postage. God provides. Thank you Word. If you are available to send books or daily devotionals, I need a Bible please. I want to get the most from my reading and not be stuck on words. A Bible dictionary or concordance would help as well but most important a Bible. I can't wait to get your Bible Study and begin. The Lord is the Good Shephard and I am excited to be a growing Little Lamb. Thank you very much and God bless you. Jasmine, NV
We sent Jasmine a Bible and a Bible Study with a letter explaining about the Bibles available.



Hi, My name is Alphonso. I want to know if I can do your Bible study. I am trying to learn more about God and his coming to us. I been trying to learn more and do more Bible Study that way I can help my cell mate that God is real so I am trying to do Bible Study and teach him that fighting is not from God. I try not to fight but when my cell mate get into a fight, I try not to fight but there are some times that I have to fight to protect my cell mate, Neto. Can you please pray for him.

Dear Little Lambs School of the Bible, Thank you Little Lambs for the lesson packet you sent me. I am extremely grateful for the knowledge and wisdom you provided me with. My to favorit4e bible verses were Romans 6:23 and Luke 16:19. I enjoyed learning about God and the Ten Commandments. I feel that this lesson has given me more spiritual discipline and self control. Again thank you for sending the course work. I look forward to the next section. Your organization is in my prayers. James, FL

Dear John & Eileen Sala, thank you for adopting me into your ministry. I look forward to being spiritually tested with these studies, but mainly that I may apply what I learn into my daily living with Christ Jesus. I am always anxious to know more, because the more I know, the less excuses I have to do other things outside of God's will for my life. I am also a believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My life changing salvation has been many years in the making. I've always professed to be a Christian and to be saved, but truly came to know that since I've been incarcerated, my personal testimony was when God literally saved me from death from a disease contracted from a mesquite. My intentions were to go to medical and get some help but god has other intention for m. he literally had to show me that I could totally trust Him 100%. So He told me to crawl back in my bunk and stay there for seven days. I obeyed God's orders or command and put my total trust into His words and stayed bed ridden for seven days. When the seven days expired, so it was that my illness expired right along with it. I am totally grateful and thankful for God's int4rvntion in my healing. I didn't have to ask Him to heal me. He had already seen the need and acted on it. I honestly owe so much to our God and I aim to succeed, but only through and with His Son Jesus Christ. God bless. Your new and anxious student, Steve. I love these bible lessons. I can't argue the fact that I don't need them, so I truly welcome all of what God and your ministry are willing and able to do for me to help build my spiritual life. Thank you.