

the Gift

THE LIGHT HAS COME

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whose name was Simeon, and this man
was just and devout, waiting for the
Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
was upon him.

Luke 2:25

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.

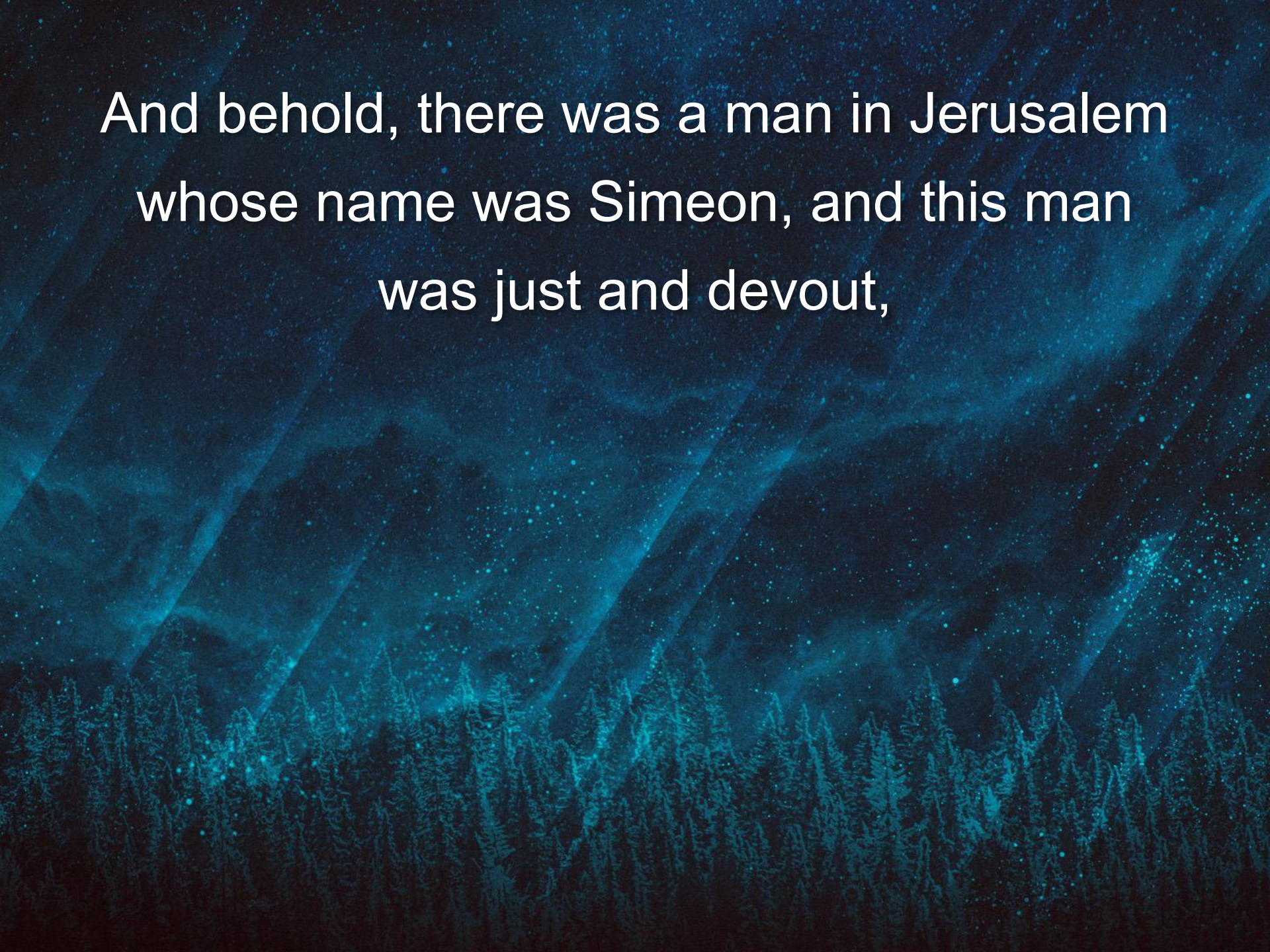
Luke 2:26

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, he took Him up in his
arms and blessed God and said:

Luke 2:27-28

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

Luke 2:29-32

The background of the image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the foreground, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees, possibly spruce or fir, rendered in a dark teal or blue color. The trees are silhouetted against a slightly lighter, hazy background. Above the trees, the sky is a deep, dark blue, filled with numerous small, bright white stars, suggesting a night sky. The overall mood is serene and mysterious. The text is centered in the upper half of the image, written in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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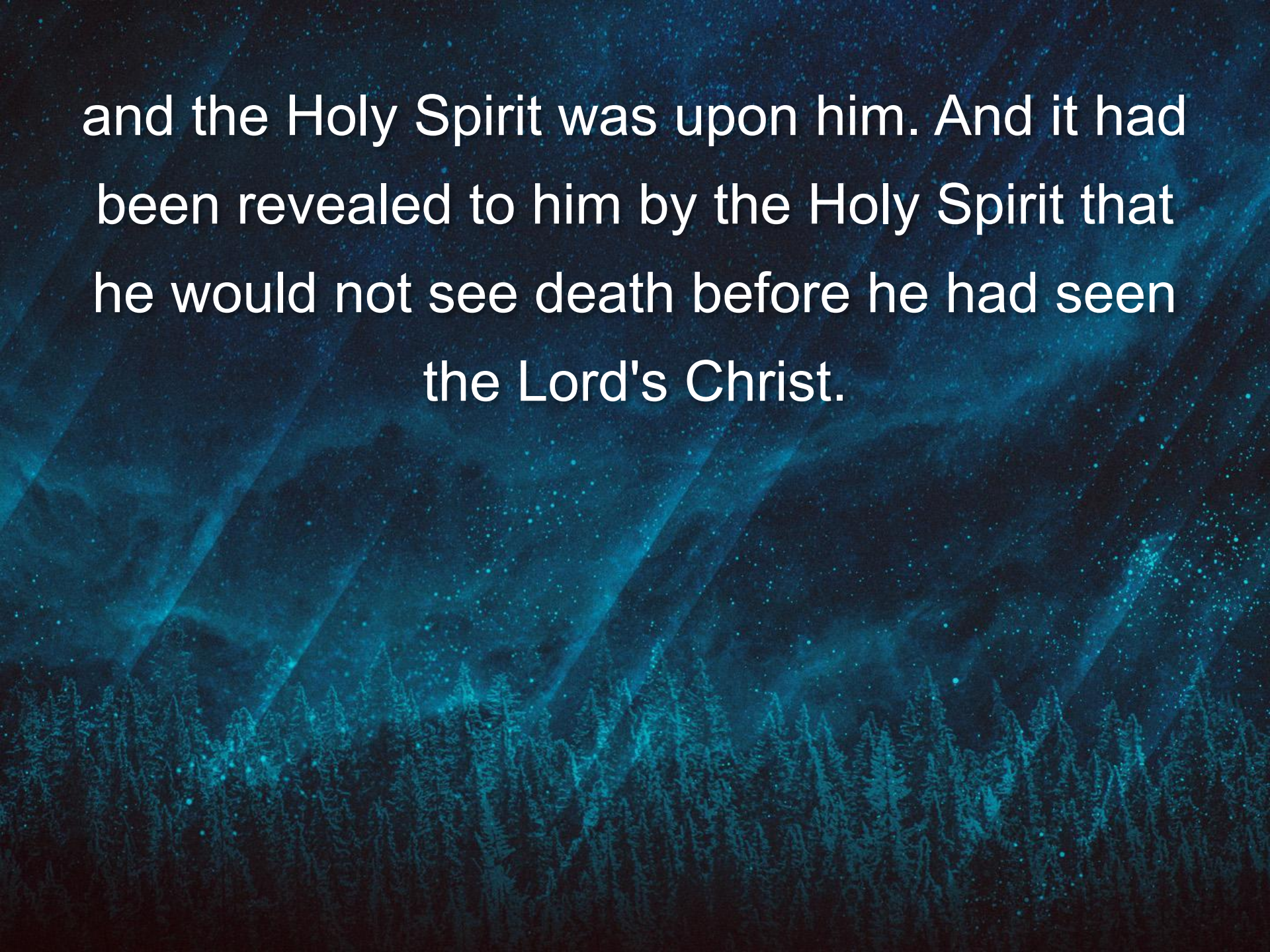


waiting for the Consolation of Israel,

- Comfort and fulfillment of Israel
- Coming of the Messiah

"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

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I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For
He will speak peace To His people and to His
saints; But let them not turn back to folly.
Surely His salvation is near to those who fear
Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 85:8-9

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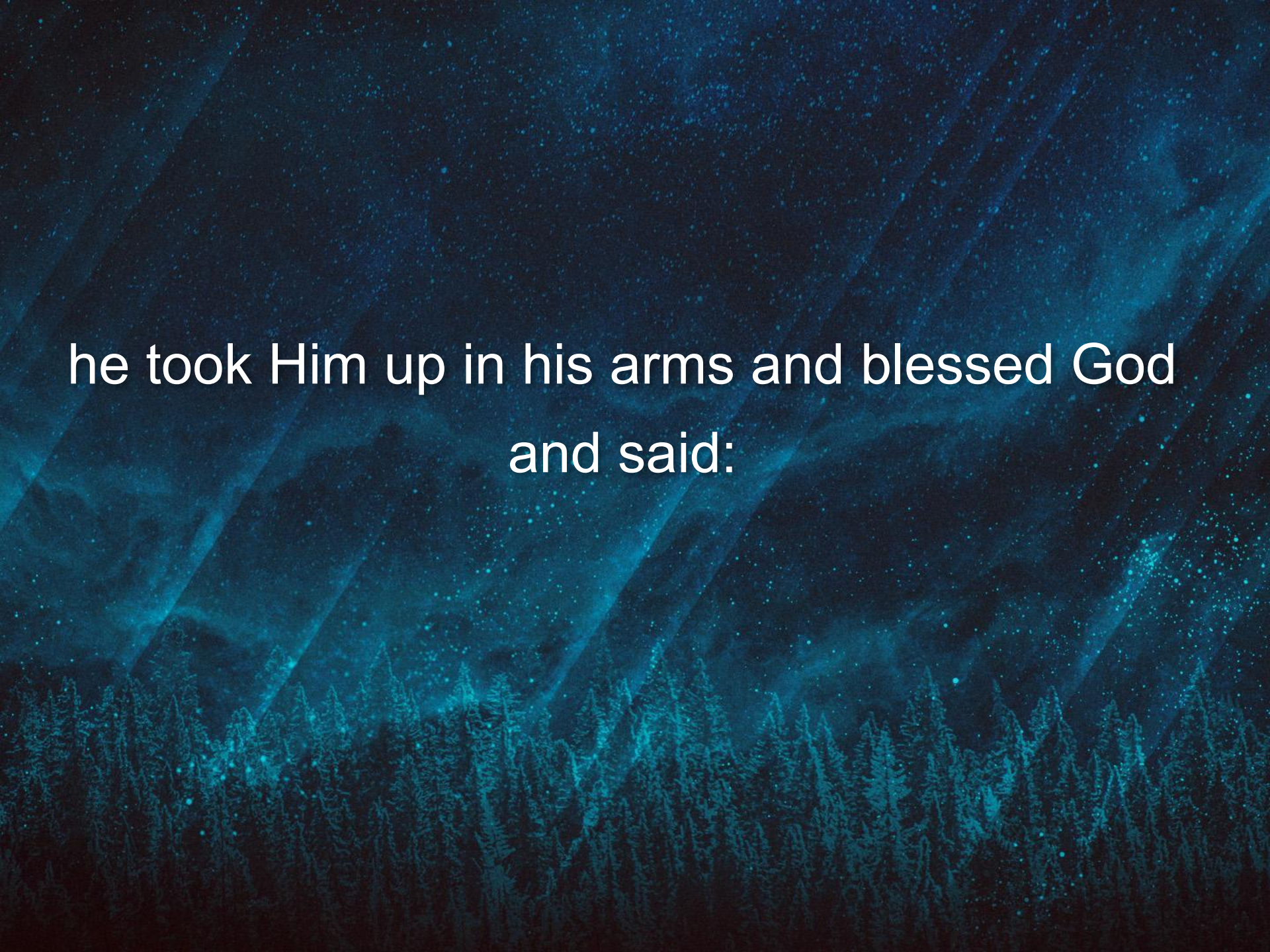
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- Living life outside of the temple
- Focused on God and sensitive to the Holy Spirit

Simeon

- Knew and was known by God
- Waited and listened for God
- Received and was fully satisfied with God

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