

Nunc Dimittis

Songs of the Nativity, Part Six

Luke 2:25-35

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I. On Death and Dying

II. Simeon the Prophet

A. He was moved by the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Pet 1:19-21)

B. He blessed them and spoke to Mary

III. Departing in Peace

A. The Consolation of Israel

B. *Nunc Dimittis*

IV. Comfort One Another (1 Thes 4:13-18)

A. I don't want you to be ignorant

First, note that Paul insists that he does not want us to be _____. He wants us as God's people to be informed about the truth of God. In particular, he wants us to understand what happens to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. And he wants us to understand this because a lack of knowledge has direct ramifications for our _____, for our behavior as God's people. If we are ignorant of the future, ignorant of God's Word and promises, then that will manifest itself in _____ and uncertainty.

B. The dead in Christ will rise first

Paul anchors our future hope in the death and resurrection of _____. Because Jesus rose again, rose bodily from the grave, therefore our hope is that God will bring back with Jesus those who have died in him – they too shall rise from the dead.

V. Conclusion