

(3) A great blessing fulfilled in time!  
Genesis 47: 9 ss

(4) A clear view of the future  
Genesis 48: 8 ss

(5) The perspective: life is a trial with disappointments and happy surprises. In meeting both there is the opportunity to show the fullness of God's love and order.

B. Simeon (Luke 2: 25<sup>ss</sup>) and Anna (Luke 2: 36<sup>ss</sup>)

1. A note on their ages... and life situations

2. The reality of long expectations...

3. Blessing fulfilled in time

a. Simeon... praise and, prayer

b. Anna... a sharing of truth

4. A satisfaction in the program of God

(5) The perspective: life is a gift from God and is therefore an opportunity to give thanks and to serve worshipfully as one waits for the completion of God's purpose.

6. A practical note: worship, pray, witness, prepare - until.....