

peace as thou didst promise." Lord—rather "Master." He compares himself to a servant whose long duty is ended, and who has received the reward he waited for. **30. Salvation**—The word means "that by which salvation is to be effected." God's agent for saving the world. Isa. 52: 10; Luke 3: 6. **31. Before the face of**—All the world might look to Him. Isa. 45: 22; John 3: 14-17. **All the peoples (R. V.)**—Not for Jews only, but for the whole world. **32. To lighten the Gentiles**—R. V. "for revelation to the Gentiles." See Isa. 25: 7. Dispelling the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pointing out the way of salvation. Simeon understood the gospel better than the apostles at first. See Isa. 42: 6; 49: 6; Acts 13: 47. **The Glory**—For his sake the nation was called into existence, the hope of his coming was the inspiration of its patriots and prophets, and the whole world now looks for salvation to one who was born of the tribe of Judah and the house of David.

**II. SIMEON'S PROPHECY. 33. Marvelled**—Every new incident seems to increase their astonishment. They did not clearly understand as yet what kind of a Saviour, Jesus was to be, and so Simeon gives them a hint that perplexes them still more. **34. The falling and rising up**—Isa. 8: 14, 16; 28: 16; Matt. 21: 44; 2 Cor. 2: 16; 1 Pet. 2: 7, 8. Those who reject Christ will fall into utter moral ruin; those who receive him as their Saviour will rise into likeness to him. It may mean that those who are humbled for sin, will rise again through the pardon he offers. **A Sign**—A divine token. Jesus was misunderstood and slandered, and his disciples have experienced the same treatment ever since. Acts 28: 22. **35. A sword**—This is said to Mary, and was fulfilled when she saw him rejected and crucified. John 19: 25. **That the thoughts**—This was God's purpose when he "set," or appointed Christ. "What think ye of Christ?" is the test question for every one. He brings out all the best that is in those that receive him, and the evil in the hearts of evil men shews itself when he is offered to them. Read John 9: 39; 3: 19; 1 Cor. 1: 23; 2 Cor. 2: 15, 16.

**III. ANNA'S TESTIMONY. 36. Anna**—Same name as Hannah. **Phaniel**—Same as Penuel. (Gen. 32: 30.) **Prophetess**—She was inspired to speak for God, both in exhorting and foretelling future events. Acts 21: 9; 2 Chr. 34: 22. **37. Four score and four years**—This was probably her age, but some think it was the length of her widowhood. **Served God**—Her whole time was devoted to religious exercises. Compare 1 Tim. 5: 5. **38. She also recognizes Jesus, but her song of praise is not given, All them that are looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (R. V.)**—Isa. 40: 2. These were people like herself and Simeon, who frequented the temple and expected the Messiah. Lam. 3: 25, 26; Mark 15: 43.

**To the Scholar.**—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following *without accepting aid from any quarter* after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—How is Simeon described? (4)
- 2.—What had been revealed to him? (4)
- 3.—What made him so glad? (4)
- 4.—What sorrow did he predict for Mary? (4)
- 5.—How does Christ reveal the hearts of men? (5)
- 6.—How is Anna described? (4)

Name, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory \_\_\_\_\_ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and \_\_\_\_\_ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to \_\_\_\_\_ I was at church \_\_\_\_\_ I send with this my Weekly Offering of \_\_\_\_\_ cents.