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Two of the only people who would recognize baby Jesus for who he really was were the elderly saints, Simeon and Anna.

- · Both were elderly.
- · Both had remained devoted to God for years.
- · Both were living in expectation.
- · Both were led by the Spirit.

## Simeon's speech is:

First directed horizontally: he addresses God (2:29-32)

· All longings are fulfilled the person of Jesus.

Then directed vertically: he addresses Mary (2:34-35)

- · Jesus was born for adversity.
- · Jesus was born to die.

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