

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#5 – “Perfect Submission” – Luke 2:39-52

I. Introduction

A. We will be skipping some verses, but one portion will be highlighted.

1. Skipping birth narrative because this portion has been preached on several times during Christmas.

2. Yet, 2:36-38 will be noted.

a. A prophetess named Anna.

b. A female prophetess fits Luke’s narrative objective to feature the outsider groups which included women.

c. This is not a justification for female elders.

B. Today’s introduction – prodigies are remarkable.

1. Friedrich Heineken

2. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

3. John Stuart Mills

4. Truman Henry Safford

5. They all pale when contrasted with Jesus.

C. The text: Luke 2:39-52

II. Exposition

A. Luke 2:40

1. “The child continued to grow.”

a. He was fully human.

2. “Became strong” ... “wisdom”

a. No effects from a sinful nature.

b. Wisdom is to know the mind of God.

B. Luke 2:41 – Passover.

1. One of three annual feasts.

2. This holiday would bring hundreds of thousands to the city.

C. Luke 2:42 – Becomes twelve.

1. A year away from the bar-mitzvah.

D. Luke 2:43-45 – Left Behind.

1. Being a part of a caravan of people explains how His presence was not immediately known to His parents.

E. Luke 2:46-47 – Listening and asking questions

1. Typical setting for theological education in a first century Jewish context.

F. Luke 2:48-52, Identifying with the Parents.

1. Jesus’ intent was not to cause His parents grief.

2. Yet, a necessary change in relationship was beginning to take place (John 6:38; 4:34; 5:30)

3. Note verse 49 – First claim in Scripture of God being a personal Father.

a. In an ultimate sense, Jesus is not Joseph or Mary’s son. He is the eternal Son of God – John 6:39-40.

4. Verse 50 – The parents did not understand.

a. Verse 51, “Treasured” – Luke 2:19; 2:35

III. Point for Reflection

A. Perfect submission.

1. “I must be in the things of my Father.”