

Luke 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

Analysis

Mary's purification 'according to the law of Moses' and presentation of Jesus demonstrates covenant faithfulness and Jesus's full identification with His people. The purification (Lev 12:2-8) treated childbirth's ceremonial uncleanness, while firstborn presentation (Ex 13:2, 12) acknowledged God's ownership. Their obedience 'according to the law of Moses' shows submission to God's revealed will. Jesus, though sinless, submitted to requirements treating Him as ordinary Israelite, demonstrating humility and identification with sinners He came to save. This obedience foreshadows His greater submission to the Law's demands through perfect obedience and substitutionary death.

Historical Context

The forty-day purification period (Lev 12:4) explains the family's continued presence in Judea. Their bringing Jesus to Jerusalem for presentation fulfilled the Law while providentially enabling encounters with Simeon and Anna, who recognized His messianic identity.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why did sinless Jesus submit to purification rituals treating Him as common?
2. How does Jesus's early obedience to the Law foreshadow His life of perfect obedience?
3. What does Mary and Joseph's careful adherence to the Law teach about obedience?

Interlinear Text

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