

# Luke 2:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

## Analysis

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**He came by the Spirit into the temple** (ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ πνεύματι εἰς τὸ ἱερόν, ēlthen en tō pneumati eis to hieron)—The Holy Spirit's direct guidance brought Simeon at the exact moment of Jesus's presentation. The Greek construction en tō pneumati indicates movement under the Spirit's control, demonstrating sovereign orchestration.

**To do for him after the custom of the law** (τοῦ ποιῆσαι κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου, tou poiēsai kata to eithismenon tou nomou)—Mary and Joseph's obedience to Leviticus 12:2-8 for purification and firstborn consecration (Exodus 13:2) demonstrates Jesus born 'under the law' (Galatians 4:4). The Lawgiver Himself submits to the law's requirements, identifying fully with His people's obligations.

## Historical Context

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Forty days after birth, Jewish mothers presented purification offerings at the temple (Leviticus 12:2-4). The firstborn male dedication commemorated the Passover's sparing of Israel's firstborn in Egypt. Luke's careful notation of legal observance shows Jesus's family as Torah-observant Jews.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Spirit's guidance of Simeon model sensitivity to divine promptings in our daily lives?
2. What does Jesus's submission to Levitical law from infancy teach about His identification with humanity?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἦλθεν	ἐν	τῷ	πνεύματι	εἰς	τὸ	ἱερόν·	καὶ	ἐν
And	he came	by	G3588	the Spirit	into	G3588	the temple	And	by
G2532	G2064	G1722		G4151	G1519		G2411	G2532	G1722
τῷ	εἰσαγαγεῖν	τοὺς	γονεῖς	τὸ	παιδίον	Ἰησοῦν			
G3588	brought	G3588	when the parents	G3588	the child	Jesus			
	G1521		G1118		G3813	G2424			
τοῦ	ποιῆσαι	αὐτοῦ	κατὰ	τὸ	εἰθισμένον	τοῦ	νόμου		
G3588	to do	him	after	G3588	the custom	G3588	of the law		
	G4160	G846	G2596		G1480		G3551		
περὶ	αὐτοῦ								
for	him								
G4012	G846								

## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 17:3** (Spirit): So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

**Acts 10:19** (Spirit): While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

**Luke 2:41** (Parallel theme): Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

**Luke 2:51** (Parallel theme): And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

**Luke 2:48** (Parallel theme): And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.