



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 2: 33-35

Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Our Scripture Reflection

That old crusty Prophet Simeon knew all too well that the cute little baby boy in Mary's arms was a package of dynamite! Once He began His public ministry many would be forced to make a decision: To be for Jesus and His Kingdom or against Jesus and His Kingdom. His word and His lifestyle caused people to make a choice about how they would believe and live. And He does the same to us today each time we read His Gospels. Powerful!

Food for your Journey

Calvin Miller writes in *The Table of Inwardness* of an antique wooden dynamite box in his home. Crafted in the 19th century, the box was built to withstand the shock of moving its contents from the manufacturer to the field.

On the lid of the box were large red and black letters which read: "Danger! Dynamite!"

"But the last I saw it," Miller wrote, "it was filled with common paraphernalia that could be found in any workroom."

How many of us, designed by God to store and release tremendous creative energies, have settled for collecting "common paraphernalia" and are discharging scarcely any spiritual dynamite?

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Only Your way can bring me true and lasting Peace. Despite the cost, help me to be faithful to Your word. May I reveal to others my love for You. Amen