

# Morning Lesson

## HAVE YOU HELD THE BABY?

Luke 2:21-38

### INTRO:

1. Remember holding your new baby.
2. 2000 years ago there was another important birth.

### I. BIRTH OF JESUS. Luke 2:1-20

- A. Teenage girl and a faithful young man.
- B. Shepherds first to visit chief shepherd.
- C. Shepherds paying homage to the Lamb of God.
- D. Mary pondered these things. ("throw together" consider in light of other things)

### II. PRESENTATION OF JESUS. Luke 2:21-38

- A. He was 40 days old. Lev. 12:1-8
- B. Mary and Joseph were poor.
- C. Simeon -- Anna -- Mary and Joseph.

### CONC:

1. Remember holding your infant child?
2. When all was determined to be ok remember the feeling of peace?
  - a. Simeon. "Die in peace"
  - b. Have you held the Christ child, looked into his face, and found peace?
3. Did you tell anyone about it when your child was born?
  - a. Anna. "Spoke of him to all" -- herald
  - b. Have you held the baby and then shared the good news?
4. Isn't birth marvelous?
  - a. Mary and Joseph. "They marveled at those things spoken."
  - b. Have you held the baby God and marveled at what he would mean to mankind?
5. Let me put the baby in your arms. Look into the eyes of the Christ-child.
6. What do you feel? Peace? A desire to tell the world? Guilt?
7. As you observe the small hands, tiny feet, precious face remember -- in just thirty-three short years they would be pierced and torn for you.
8. Have you held the baby?