

Let's immerse ourselves in the poignant moment when **Simeon and Anna** encounter the infant Jesus in the temple. Here's a dramatized version of their encounter:

Title: "Simeon and Anna: Encounter in the Temple"

Setting: The temple in Jerusalem.

Characters:

- **Simeon** (Righteous and devout man)
 - **Anna** (A prophetess, aged and faithful)
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Scene: The temple courtyard. Mary and Joseph bring baby Jesus for dedication.

(Simeon enters, his eyes drawn to the young couple.)

Simeon: I see the young couple enter the gate. They look weary and slightly bewildered. Unsure of what to do or what they have gotten themselves into. And yet something draws my attention to them. There is something, something, something I can't put my finger on. And then I feel it. That stirring in my spirit telling me that God is at work here.

(Anna is already seated, her eyes fixed on the entrance.)

Anna: Here I am again. Sitting in the temple, worshipping God. For years I have stayed here, fasting and praying. Serving God the only way I know how. And yet today somehow feels different. My spirit senses an excitement, like something big is about to happen.

(Simeon walks toward the young couple. His eyes land on the child Mary carries.)

Simeon: I walk towards the young couple, and then my eyes land on the child she carries. The Holy Spirit within begins to quicken, and my heart races. Could it be? Could this be the child I have been waiting for?

(Anna looks up and sees Simeon approaching.)

Anna: I look up and see Simeon walking toward a young couple. They are holding a baby. My heart skips a beat, and immediately I know. It is Him, the Messiah, our Savior.

Simeon: Oh, how I've longed for this day.

Anna: How I've prayed for this day.

Together: And now it's here.

Anna: For years, I have fasted and prayed, waiting and daily reminding God of His promise.

Simeon: His promise for a new covenant.

Anna: His promise for redemption.

Simeon: “Lord, let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

In this sacred encounter, Simeon and Anna recognize the fulfillment of God’s promise. The Messiah rests in their arms, bringing hope to a waiting world. ✨